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**Farm-Labor for Court Reform**  
WASHINGTON—The entire Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party delegation in the House has reaffirmed its support of the President's Supreme Court reform bill. There are five Farmer-Laborites in the House.

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## FASCIST RING SOUGHT MUNITIONS IN U. S. Congressmen Seek Probe

### CLASS 'A' FILMS HALTED DUE TO MOVIE STRIKE

#### Resentment in the IATSE, Teamsters At Treachery

HOLLYWOOD — While the Federated Motion Picture Crafts are willing to negotiate wages, hours and conditions, the strikers have rejected a verbal agreement by which the walkout was to be terminated without a written guarantee of a 100 per cent union shop for all crafts on strike. This is a fundamental demand.

**No Class A Pictures**  
Paramount, Columbia and RKO carpenters have been unable to work due to lack of blueprints, since scenic artists are in the strikers' ranks.

Lack of painters forced 20th Century-Fox to abandon all Class A productions. Only Class B productions are being made, because not much pains are taken on finishing sets for these.

**As the Screen Actors Guild** signed a 10-year contract prohibiting strikes for that entire period, much resentment exists at the high-handed way in which Screen Guild officials have run things in the past few weeks. The contract provided a closed shop for extras, stunt men, day free lance and stock players, a 90 per cent closed shop for stars and featured players for 5 years, and producers of over 40 films a year may use three non-union stars or featured players in two pictures a year.

The executive board of the Guild (on which are Frank Morgan, Franchot Tone, Joan Crawford, Edward Arnold, James Cagney, headed by Robert Montgomery), in the 10-year contract put through a settlement at the expense of the underpaid extras and bit players through the no-strike agreement. There will be no central casting control by the guild, no abolition of the hated call bureau. The executive board in the Legion Stadium meeting Sunday were afraid

### Negrin Heads New Cabinet in Spain

MADRID — Dr. Juan Negrin, Socialist, and Minister of Finance, is at the head of the Popular Front's new cabinet. Two Communists — Jesus Hernandez, Minister of Instruction and Health, and Vincente Uribe, Minister of Agriculture, are in the cabinet.

Other members are: Foreign Affairs, Jose Giral, Left Republican; National Defense, Indalecio Prieto, Socialist; Justice, Manuel Irujo, Basque Nationalist; Interior, Jose Zugazagoitia, Socialist; Public Works, Bernando de los Rios, Union Republic; Labor, Jaime Ayguade, Catalan Left Republican.

The armed power of the government has been coordinated in a single Ministry of War, Navy and Aviation.

### At the Deadline

PARIS — The newspaper L'Oeuvre reports that 200 Italian soldiers were shot in Italy when a complete regiment refused to go to Spain, and mutinied. Violent demonstrations throughout Italy against intervention in Spain were reported, with the arrest of 200 persons in Genoa. Thousands of posters with the slogans, "Down With Mussolini," "Long Live Republican Spain," etc. were found on the walls of the chief Italian cities, it is reported.

**Chain Store Tax Upheld**  
WASHINGTON—By a 4 to 3 vote, the U. S. Supreme Court has sustained the Louisiana chain store test tax. Justices Butler, McReynolds, and Vandevanter dissented.

**"Fountainhead" Keeps Mum**  
SAN FRANCISCO—Pete McDonough, the bail broker "fountainhead of graft," on Monday refused to answer questions before the graft investigating Grand Jury.

**CIO Wins Strike**  
SAN FRANCISCO—It took a 1 1/2 hour strike Monday to force reinstatement of four CIO Amalgamated Steel Workers members by the Bodinson Mfg. Co. Ed Dillon and Harry Hook of Machinists 68 sat in negotiations with the CIO union.



OUTSIDE THE German embassy at Washington, pickets representing the American League Against War and Fascism demonstrate for withdrawal of all German troops and planes from Spain.

## E. Bay Unionists For Court Curb

OAKLAND—"Sure, I'm in favor of enlarging the Supreme Court," was the emphatic declaration of Frank Sullivan, treasurer and former president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tinworkers (Machinists) Eastbay local 1304, when questioned this week by the Western Worker.

### ILG OVATION FOR LEWIS

#### Convention Cheers CIO Policies

ATLANTIC CITY — The 517 delegates to the 23rd annual ILGWU convention have voted

The important speech of John L. Lewis at the ILGWU 23rd annual convention will be published in full in the next issue of the Western Worker. See that every trade unionist gets it!

full affiliation and financial support to the CIO.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Sentiment at the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union convention was regarded as definitely lined up behind the policies voiced by John L. Lewis, following the great ovation which the chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization received as he spoke from the platform of the ILGWU convention.

The session at which Lewis spoke passed resolutions pledging that the ILGWU will cooperate with progressive groups and Farmer-Labor parties in the formation of a National Labor Party. The American Labor Party of New York was endorsed and the Labor Non-Partisan

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"And as for retirement," he went on, "it seems to me that 60 would be a better age than 70 to force them to retire."

**Others Speak Out**  
Other East Bay labor leaders to voice their enthusiastic support for President Roosevelt's proposed court reforms were Larry (Jim) Root, leading CIO organizer; James P. Smith, A. A. I.S.T. organizer; and Marcella Ryan, secretary of Cannery Workers Local 20099.

"If any other proof was necessary to show the great popular support for the proposal," declared Smith, "the election landslide should have furnished it."

When questioned as to the means which labor might employ to aid the passage of the court reform, Sullivan declared that locals should pass resolutions to be submitted to the conventions of the international unions forcing these latter to go definitely on record for the President's plan.

### SF Auto Strike Won

SAN FRANCISCO—The strike in five automobile springs plants here has ended in victory for the CIO United Auto Workers Union, despite obstacles placed in the way by the craft union Auto Mechanics officials. Recognition, wage increases and the 40-hour week were won.

### Hawaii Strike Inquiry

HONOLULU—Upon complaints by 3000 striking sugar plantation workers of Maui that they were held in a state "bordering on medieval servitude," the National Labor Relations Board has begun an inquiry.



GUERNICA'S BLOOD haunts the Nazis. Demonstrators, including people of Basque descent in national costume, picket German consulate in New York to voice indignation against massacre of 800 civilians at Guernica by fascists, including Nazi planes.

### PRICE BOOST ROBBERY, S. F.

#### 7 Cent Fare Certain; Milk Price is Up

SAN FRANCISCO—The State Railroad Commission is reliably reported as having given its consent to a gigantic robbery-institution of the 7-cent fare on the Market Street Railway trolley lines.

Samuel Kahn, company president, resorted to falsehood in stating that union wage increases and social security taxes had created an "emergency" warranting the increase. Formal approval of the increase is expected at the May 24 conference of the Railroad Commission.

**Taking It Out On Kiddies**  
Big milk companies used the same falsehood—wage increases gained by the Milk Wagon Drivers Union—to jack up the retail price of milk by one cent. In both cases wage increases form but a small part of the sum in comparison to profits of the companies.

(Indications of a still further rise in milk prices came with the announcement by dairy companies Saturday that the 1 cent rise is insufficient for them.)

Housewives, through Mrs. W. T. Cleverdon, head of the California State Housewives League, and relief agencies protested the milk price increases, which relief supervisor John Small said "comes right out of the children's bread basket."

To add to the people's hardships, baking companies are considering an increase in the price of bread.

### Jobless to Mass In May 22 Meets

Throughout the nation on Friday, May 22, the unemployed and relief workers under the leadership of the Workers Alliance of America will hold mass demonstrations in support of the Public Works and Relief Standards Act, HR 5822.

The bill, introduced in congress by Representative Gerald W. Boileau of Wisconsin, calls for an appropriation of three billion dollars to carry on WPA for a year with an employment of three million and for an additional billion dollars grants in aid to the states for direct relief. It provides also for 20 per cent increase in WPA wages.

Meetings in California are scheduled in San Francisco at the Civic Center, 2 p.m., in Los Angeles Plaza, and Oakland.

### Tricky Budget to Slash U.S. Relief

WASHINGTON — A tricky amendment to the President's "economy budget" will mean the dropping of over 500,000 persons from work relief July 1.

The amendment was the handiwork of reactionaries on the House Appropriations Committee, from which the budget has emerged. Stipulating that the billion and a half dollar budget must be apportioned to last an entire year, it would stop the WPA from using the funds according to need, and then asking for more before the end of the year.

Rep. Woodrum of Virginia headed the reactionary forces working for the reduced budget.

### FIREMEN JOIN NEW SEA UNION

#### Natl. Maritime Union Asks East Elections

SAN FRANCISCO — Harry Lundberg is reported by the INS to have agreed in the Chicago conference with ISU officials to one agreement for all districts instead of agreements for each district. Lundberg was quoted as having stated that "Our object is to help our own people and help the shipowner do business without the continual danger of labor disputes."

Reactionary ISU officers are reported to have called a strike against the Lykes Line on the East and Gulf coasts because that company had signed an agreement with the rank and file National Maritime Union.

NEW YORK — The Marine Firemen, Oilers & Watertenders has voted to affiliate with the newly-organized Natl. Maritime Union.

The N.M.U. was formed recently by the rank and file of the Eastern and Gulf Sailors Assn. and the Marine Cooks and Stewards. The union will seek a national convention of all maritime unions this summer to establish a united national seamen's union.

Certification of the National Maritime Union as the exclusive representative for collective bargaining purposes of the seamen employed in the stewards and deck departments of the International Mercantile Marine Co., the Luckenbach Steamship Co. and the Black Diamond Steamship Co. was asked of the National Labor Relations Board

### Fascists Send Fake Pictures Through Mail, Illegally

"Spanish Aid Week" will be observed throughout the United States from May 30 to June 9 as hundreds of progressive organizations, trade unions, religious and social welfare groups and the Communist and Socialist Parties will be mobilized for an intensive drive to aid democratic Spain.

NEW YORK — Twenty-nine United States congressmen have joined in sponsoring a resolution introduced by Representative

**EDITORIAL NOTE**  
Photostatic copies of letters written by the Spanish fascist spy agents in the United States are now in possession of the Western Worker and will be published in the next issue.

John T. Bernard of Minnesota in demanding a congressional probe of the activities of fascist spies in the United States. Senator Gerald P. Nye, having conferred with Senator Borah and Majority Leader Joseph P. Robinson, announced that a similar resolution would probably be introduced in the senate.

**More Evidence**  
Adding to its startling exposure of the spy ring led by former Spanish Ambassador Juan Francisco de Cardenas, the Daily Worker continued its disclosures, showing:

1. That the spy ring, which had operated on illegal passports, carried on espionage, violated neutrality laws and diplomatic privilege and advocated sending an armed fascist ship to the Strait of Yucatan, had also worked in close connection with Ogden H. Hammond, former U. S. Ambassador to Spain, and U. S.

### REBELS FIGHT EACH OTHER

MADRID—Loyalist defenders Saturday gave their rifles a rest while they watched the spectacle of two garrisons of rebels bombarding each other with artillery.

The opposing forces were rebels in two hospitals in the northwest sector. Marooned for several weeks a fight broke out between the two groups, one wanting to surrender on account of the shortage of food and munitions.

After an intensive exchange of fire the combat ended and was not resumed.

Basil Harris, vice-president of the International Mercantile Marine,

2. That the spy ring had sought to buy munitions in this country.

3. That the spy ring had violated U. S. postal laws in sending faked, lewd atrocity pictures through the mails in its effort to blacken the Loyalist government of Spain.

**Shipowners Implicated**  
The ex-ambassador, vice-president of the First National Bank of Jersey City, is an officer of the so-called "American Committee for Spanish Relief," a fascist set-up. Basil Harris is head of this committee. He was named as an active supporter of Franco in a letter written by the fascist agent Marcelino Garcia from the latter's shipping office at 17 Baiton (Continued on Page 4)

### POLITICAL ACTION OK'D BY ILA MEET

#### Endorse CIO, Spain People's Fight On Fascism

The delegates at the ILA Pacific Coast Convention in Seattle have gone on record as "unanimously endorsing President Roosevelt's program for reorganization of the Supreme Court, and urge the United States Congress to carry out the expressed will of the American people by immediately passing this legislation."

#### Political Action

Not satisfied with only having the delegates endorse a program of Independent Political Action for labor nationally, as expressed in Labor's Non-Partisan League; for the Pacific Coast, the delegates saw the need to urge the ILA organizations to affiliate with the Commonwealth Federations in those states where the Federation is set up. Not only did the delegates lay down a political program for the future, but took steps to "use the political system against political pie-cards and representatives of monopolies who are misusing their power. In those states where the recall is not established, the Maritime Federation lend every effort to establish its incorporation."

The Guffey-Bland Bill and other anti-labor measures were condemned by the delegates and the officers instructed to send copies of these vicious measures to all progressive organizations and to diligently work to have them defeated in the various legislative bodies.

The convention went on record to support the Gavagan Anti-Lynching Bill.

Resolution 81, a vaguely written document purportedly asking for the expulsion of members or officials "who are working to advance a certain political issue of universal proportions" was thrown out of the convention. Two delegates were recorded voting in the negative.

#### Support East Coast Rank and File

Determined to have a stronger, more unified ILA Pacific Coast District, the majority of the delegates approached all questions with open eyes and a clear mind. Much discussion was tendered on all controversial (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

### L.A. Hotel Struck; S.F. Strike Solid

SAN FRANCISCO—By 2616 to 28, San Francisco's hotel strikers voted on Monday that the office employees must be included in collective bargaining. Hotel employers, who had claimed office workers did not want to be represented by the Culinary Crafts, refused to abide by the vote. The vote gave the lie to owners' statements.

LOS ANGELES—The beginning of the drive to organize the Los Angeles hotels has been signaled with a strike in the ritzy Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Cooks and waiters struck and called out musicians.

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## ACT NOW ON THESE VITAL MEASURES

(AN EDITORIAL)

The people of California face the alarming possibility of the adjournment of the state legislature on May 28 in a complete stalemate on all the progressive labor and social legislation proposed in this session.

This situation can not be tolerated and need not be.

Only by flouting the expressed will of the voters of California has the state senate pigeon-holed such measures as the Yorty "Little Wagner Act," the act to pardon Tom Mooney, the bill to lower the sales tax and to increase old-age pensions.

On top of this the senate has come forward with anti-strike proposals and compulsory arbitration in the Crittenden and Biggar bills, and Senator Seawell of Roseville has introduced a compulsory arbitration measure patterned after the Railway Labor Act. With the first two mentioned already rejected by the Assembly, the Senate is now trying to revise them in such a way as to provide a "Little Wagner Act" with its pro-labor features emasculated.

This hypocritical gesture must be defeated along with the reactionary bills being brought forward. The demand for their defeat must be accompanied by written and telegraphed demands from unions and progressive organizations and individuals, demanding:

Bringing the Yorty act to the floor of the Senate and favorable action on it.

Defeat of the Seawell bill and all similar proposals designed to emasculate the Yorty act.

Introduction and passage of a measure to submit the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act to the voters.

Passage in the Senate of the O'Donnell bill, already passed by the Assembly, to compensate dairymen for loss of cattle and to finance a campaign to eradicate bovine tuberculosis.

Passage of the bill prohibiting anti-picket laws in the localities.



## OPPOSITION TO THE SHEPPARD-HILL WAR MOBILIZATION BILL GROWING THROUGHOUT NATION

**American Legion Members Say They Were Misled Into Supporting Measure Attacked as Fascist Threat**

Vigorous criticism has been leveled against the Sheppard-Hill Bill, better known as the War Department's Industrial Mobilization Plan, which is still in committee in Washington. Word has been received that it may be reported out to the floor of the House at any moment, according to the American League Against War and Fascism.

## ARSENAL FOR THE SHERIFF

**For Use Against San Jose Labor**

SAN JOSE—The Santa Clara Supervisors have answered the prayers of Sheriff George Lyle, and have appropriated \$1500 for a small arsenal for use against canneries and agricultural labor.

10 rifles, 12 shot guns, one gas shot gun 23 tear gas shells, 12 long range tear gas and sickening gas shells, six barricade tear gas and sickening gas shells, 23 tear gas and sickening gas grenades, 3 gas mask canisters, 36 gas shot gun shells and a fully equipped bullet proof automobile have been purchased.

The unions protested the purchase and the county attorney ruled that no emergency warranted it.

## ILG Convention in Ovation to Lewis

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League was declared to be the road on which labor can travel toward independent political action.

The session wildly cheered cable greetings from the Lincoln Battalion in Spain.

Holding that the rank and file of American labor has lost confidence in the higher executives of the American Federation of Labor, Lewis put the kibosh on certain ILGWU delegates who had hoped to be instrumental in arranging a peace conference without prior conditions.

The CIO chief made the following major contentions in his talk:

1. That the 10 CIO unions were suspended "without warrant of the constitution and without legality in law."
2. That since that time "the AFL has consistently opposed, criticized and denounced the CIO."
3. That Pres. William Green of the AFL had been unwilling to permit even steel, let alone other mass production industries, to be organized on an industrial basis.
4. That steel workers wanted "a modern and progressive labor movement that will not subordinate them and weaken their strength."
5. That the CIO has organized a million and a quarter hitherto unorganized workers and "is now entering on what might be termed the second phase of its organizational activities. Regional officers are being set up in the major industrial centers and charters are being issued to workers in miscellaneous industries as contrasted with our policy of concentrating for some time our efforts in certain basic mass production industries."
6. That the CIO has "caught the imagination of the American workman and offers him hope for the future," at a time when AFL executives "went about this country whispering to all whom they met that the CIO campaign was a failure."
7. That Green was guilty of "treason to the labor movement" and "moral turpitude" for opposing settlement of the General Motors strike with the CIO and by similar tactics in other situations.
8. That peace in the labor movement raised the question: "Who created war? The CIO did not withdraw from the AFL."
9. That with the next economic collapse already being predicted by economists, "it is time for labor to organize and do something about it."

Lewis calmed jurisdictional fears growing out of the textile campaign by assuring the ILGWU it could "write its own ticket" in the knifedowns industry.

**Marine Engineers To Take Up CIO**

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. executive board, meeting next month in Chicago, will take up the question of CIO affiliation, according to business agent Randolph Merriweather of Local 97. The MEBA is not affiliated with the AFL. It left that body years ago due to operating engineers' jurisdictional claims.

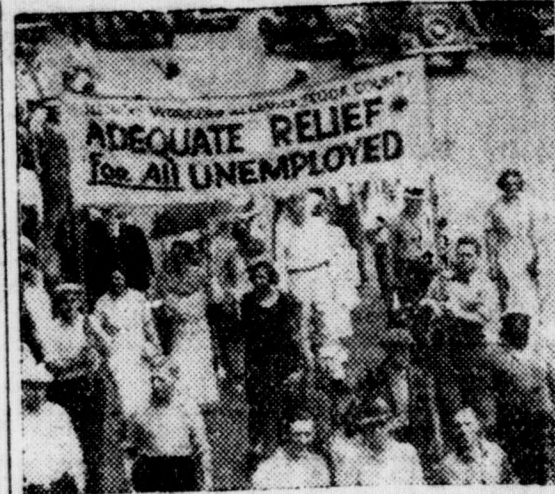
**HIGH % OF FASCISTS' SHELLS DUDS**

By TED ALLAN

MADRID (By Cable) — I saw blood washed off the city streets again this morning (May 11). But the significant feature of this morning's shelling is that a third of the shells were duds.

It is the opinion of observers that armament workers in fascist countries are deliberately making duds so as not to harm their fellow workers in Spain. Today's high percentage seems to bear this out.

## PEOPLES BUDGET



THESE JOBLESS in New York are protesting proposed relief cuts under reactionary budget planned by Congress. United action of unions, workers' A.P.A., and all progressive organizations for a People's Budget, taking care of people's needs, is essential.

## Labor and the Gate Bridge Fiesta

(AN EDITORIAL)

The San Francisco Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council will sponsor the Exposition Fiesta Labor Ball on May 29, for the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Proceeds will go to families of the 11 union men killed in the Golden Gate Bridge crash a few months ago.

Donating the proceeds to the dependents of those who lost their lives in building the bridge is commendable. But what has become of the investigations of the crash which, due to criminal neglect, killed the 11 bridge workers?

The Laborers Union led the fight for bringing out into the open those on whose shoulders the guilt lay. There was abundant evidence produced to show that the Pacific Bridge Co. had retained faulty equipment after the Industrial Accident Commission inspectors had condemned that equipment as unsafe. There were intimations that authorities were perhaps in collusion with the contractors in this.

Yet to date, after a lapse of months, no one has been punished. The families of 11 men will receive a comparative few dollars, but so long as those guilty in the bridge crash remain unpunished the families of other construction workers will face the possibility of the loss of their breadwinners through future building accidents.

Organized labor must not allow the guilty ones to remain scot-free, but must insist on completion of the investigations and punishment of those guilty.

## FARMERS HIT FRAME-UP

MODESTO, Stanislaus County — Before a court room packed to overflowing by small dairy farmers, Wm. A. Standridge, leader in the Western Cooperative Dairyman's Union, and his attorney, George R. Anderson, started a fight against the frame-up engineered against Standridge for his organization's fight against compulsory bovine tuberculosis tests without adequate compensation to the dairymen for cows destroyed.

Standridge is charged with three felonies, including violation of the TB test ordinance, as a result of a recent mass demonstration against the tests at the Borba ranch at Crows Landing. The dairymen and labor organizations are demanding that Judge Leslie K. Floyd dismiss the charges at this preliminary hearing now going on here.

Deputy Sheriff Briggs contradicted himself numerous times on the stand last week, under cross-examination by Attorney Anderson, who charged the witness had been coached.

In connection with a protest mass meeting of Merced County Unit No. 6 Western Cooperative Dairyman's Union, scheduled for Tuesday night at Livingston, Standridge declared:

"The Dairyman's Union has been carrying on opposition to the county bovine tuberculosis eradication ordinance on the basis that they would receive insufficient indemnities to replace cows slaughtered. They are heartily in favor of having clean herds, but not at the cost of placing them completely out of production."

"The purpose of the Livingston meeting is to bring about a clear understanding as to means and methods of fighting the TB ordinance legally and bring about higher indemnities or the discontinuation of the tests if funds cannot be made available by the state and federal governments to reimburse the farmers."

**Partial Indemnity**

SACRAMENTO—Providing appropriation of \$200,000 for indemnity payments for slaughtered cattle, and compulsory testing of all cattle, Assemblyman O'Connell's bill was ready for State Senate consideration, after being passed by the Assembly last Thursday. The bill would provide the salvage value of slaughtered animals and maximum indemnity of \$25 a head for purebred stock, \$15 a head for grade animals, to the owners. An amendment would make the law an emergency measure.

**It Can Be Prevented**

ONTARIO (Los Angeles County)—In an attempt to prevent strikes, the Ontario City Council is planning to push through an anti-picketing ordinance.

A \$300 fine and 90-day sentence will be penalties. Labor can still stop it from going through.

## HIGH PRAISE FOR 'WESTERN' FROM GALLAGHER, AND FROM PROMINENT L. A. UNIONISTS

**Gillette of Musicians, Volney G. Mathieson of CIO Coordination Committee, Tell of Its Value to Labor**

LOS ANGELES—"... As accurate as the minutes of this Council themselves," said J. W. Gillette, of the Musicians' Union, Local 47, referring to the Western Worker on the floor of the Central Labor Council several weeks ago.

CIO Leader Boosts "Western" Last week, Volney G. Mathieson, publicity chairman for the CIO Coordination Committee, declared:

"The Western Worker is the only paper I know of that carries all the important news of union activities on the Pacific Coast."

"In my opinion, it is necessary to read it in order to keep abreast of what is going on in the many fields of union activity."

From a person who has played an active role among workers in their daily struggles for better living conditions comes the following statement: Leo Gallagher, United Labor attorney for the International Labor Defense, has this to say of the Western Worker:

"Every progressive, forward-looking person should be a regular reader of the Western Worker. Only in the Western Worker can we find true reports of what is actually taking place in the world."

"By giving careful attention to the directives contained in the editorials in the Western Worker, we may be assured that we are following the correct course, and playing our part in these momentous years."

## Political Action Ckehed by ILA

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questions, however, on questions for a national Maritime Federation, a bigger, stronger trade union movement, the need of organizing the youth, support and endorsement of the ISU East Coast Rank and File elected officials and other measures along progressive, militant lines evoked no debate. The delegates were unanimous in their opinion that such a program be carried out. The boycott on Standard Oil was reaffirmed.

Support and aid for labor's prisoners was voted to Mooney, Billings, the Modesto boys, King, Ramsey and Conner, and Ray Becker, who has languished in jail since 1919.

Support was voted to the heroic Spanish workers fighting in the trenches against the barbaric hordes of fascist barbarians.

Following the proven policy of the ILA the delegates again went on record against racial discrimination and endorsed the National Negro Congress.

A resolution, resolved that the facts be publicized that A. H. Peterson ("Pedro Pete") has not in the past, or does not now, represent the policies or sentiments of the ILA rank and file.

The assembled delegates went on record that we reaffirm our sympathy and support of the CIO program and we pledge to help aid in the formation of a National Maritime Federation. We also protest the splitting policy of the AFL executive council, and we demand that unity be restored by establishing trade union democracy and accepting the principles of industrial unionism as championed by the CIO.

To put this program into effect the convention demands that the AFL call a democratic convention and then take up the question of organizing the unorganized and to build one labor movement in the nation and further, the ILA membership not pay the \$1 AFL assessment to fight the CIO and split the labor movement, and if any disciplinary action is taken against any locals for refusal to pay this assessment, that the local be backed by the ILA District.

The convention has dealt with 44 of the 89 resolutions. The convention is proceeding along the lines of building a stronger, progressive militant labor movement. From all appearances the big majority of delegates are dedicated to a program of unity and progressivism.

From the volume of business already executed and the amount of convention work yet to be done, it has been estimated that the convention should adjourn around Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

The convention took decisive steps to throw its full efforts into a coastwide organizational drive of warehousemen. A resolution was passed calling for the election of three district warehouse organizers. These will be in addition to the regular international organizers in this district.

The necessary financial arrangements required to carry such a drive are being worked out in the ways and means committee. According to the resolution on warehouse organization, the executive committee of the district will be empowered to appoint any additional organizers it deems necessary.

**Jordan Resigns as Maritime Fed. Sec'y In So. Calif. District**

SAN PEDRO—In order to devote his energies to a communications organizing drive in Los Angeles and surrounding area, as L.A. district organizer for the CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers of America, C. H. Jordan has resigned as secretary of the Southern California District Council No. 4, Maritime Federation of the Pacific. His position is temporarily filled by C.V. Leiden.

**HOTEL VICTORY**

CINCINNATI, O. — Culinary unions here have secured a closed-shop agreement with seven leading hotels.

## Hudson Pamphlet On Shipowners' Anti-Spain Plot

Shipowners plot against Spanish Democracy. This is the subject of a well-documented pamphlet by Roy Hudson, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and well-known leader of maritime workers.

The pamphlet will arrive on the coast in the next few days.

Order your bundles now from workers' bookstores and literature agents of the Communist Party. The price is one cent per copy.

## ARTA SIGNS 4 SHIP LINES

**Contracts With Oil Co. Pending**

NEW YORK—Now affiliated with the CIO and embarked on a campaign to organize land communications workers, the American Radio Telegraphers Assn. continues to make gains on the ships.

Closed shop agreements, granting wage increases and shorter hours, have been won by the ARTA on the Lykes Co.'s 380 ships, the Swift S. S. Lines, the American Hampton Roads Line in the East, and the Wilmington Transportation Co. of Wilmington, Cal.

Contracts are pending with the Standard Oil of N. J., and the Export Lines.

## 3 CIO UNIONS OUSTED IN L.A.

SAN FRANCISCO — William Green, AFL president, threatened jerking of the San Francisco Central Labor Council's charter in a letter read to the council last Friday night. Green said the council's request for further hearing on the Teamsters-ILA jurisdictional dispute over the Warehousemen, would be turned over to the Executive Council, stating: "I must insist that the instructions I sent you be respected and carried out." The instructions gave the Teamsters jurisdiction.

LOS ANGELES — On order from American Federation of Labor President William Green, the local Central Labor Council expelled, without vote from the rank and file, three CIO unions last Friday night, May 14.

Unions ousted by this move were the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, the United Rubber Workers of America, and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Over the loud protest of scores of delegates, Chairman Sherman ruled "out of order" all discussion of Green's letter. A motion "to file," made immediately after the reading of the letter was likewise ruled "out of order."

The only appeal, delegate: were told, from the stand of the chairman, would be to the Executive Council of the AFL.

Though delegate after delegate pointed out that none of the expelled unions had had their charters lifted by the AFL, Sherman replied that Green's letter automatically served that purpose.

**Red-Baits, Hurts Picket Ban Fight**

GLENDALE — The Glendale City Council has passed an anti-picketing ordinance. Organized labor fought the proposal, but J. C. Tutt of the Glendale Labor Council injured the fight by rebaiting when a representative of the Communist Party spoke against the ordinance.

Tutt also said he was against the ordinance "if it prohibited peaceful picketing"—implying he would accept some vague promise that it wouldn't.

**Assembly in Blow At Free Speech**

SACRAMENTO—Reactionaries had their way in the Assembly when the Ritchie bill opening school buildings for the use of all political organizations was defeated by 21 to 55. Assemblymen Field of Los Angeles and Maloney of San Francisco red-baited.

**Rumania Shies From Fascist Beckoning**

PARIS—Italian fascist efforts to split the little entente have hit a snag in Rumania, representatives of which country informally informed the French foreign office that a proposed Italian-Rumanian "treaty of friendship and non-aggression" had been refused.

The proposed treaty was similar to that recently signed between Yugoslavia and Italy, giving Italy economic concessions.

## IMPORTANT BAY AREA PARLEY ON MAY 23 HAS UNITY OF THE TRADE UNIONS AS OBJECTIVE

**Bay Area Labor Unity Committee Points Out Serious Need to Avoid Split in Trade Union Movement**

SAN FRANCISCO—An important conference with labor unity as its object will be held on May 23. The call by the Bay Area Labor Unity Conference for the meeting follows:

"The Bay Area Labor Unity Conference, composed of sixty-three craft and industrial unions, convened on April 11, 1937, for the purpose of working out a program that would maintain unity among the unions in the Bay Area. Lack of unity will obstruct the growth of the American trade union movement."

"The second meeting of this conference will be held Sunday, May 23rd, 1 p. m., Carpenters Hall, 112 Valencia, San Francisco. We strongly request your union to elect delegates to this conference."

"Recent events in the Bay Area have sharpened the situation in our labor movement: the firing of the Alameda County labor council's charter by the AFL; the refusal of the AFL unions; the strike-breaking series of Auto Mechanics Union officials in attempting to conduct jurisdictional raid in such hops as Latham Co., Inc., and Eklun & Ecklin contrary to the jurisdiction granted the United Auto Workers."

"On a national scale the latest decision of the AFL executive council to hold a meeting on May 18th of representatives of all international unions excluding those affiliates to the CIO, for the purpose of spreading their organizing drive into the jurisdiction that has been accepted as belonging to the CIO unions, will create a critical situation in the California Labor Movement which can only be handled intelligently if representatives from every trade union will meet in a joint unity conference."

"This conference will discuss a concrete program to guarantee the one vital thought uppermost in the minds of every honest trade unionist: a unified labor movement in the Bay Area! Do not fail to have your delegates report Sunday, May 23rd, p. m., Carpenters Hall, 112 Valencia street, San Francisco. 'Fraternalists' only."

FRANK SLABY, Chairman."

**Plan Big Tour for Mooney in Calif.**

A great state-wide speaking tour in behalf of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, world famous labor prisoners, will begin on May 20 and continue through until June 5.

The meetings will be under the sponsorship of the various American Federation of Labor Committees for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings which are now in existence in practically every city in California. Touring the state with the speakers and aiding in putting on the meetings will be Herbert Resner, Secretary of the San Francisco AFL Mooney-Billings Committee, and Al Shank, Secretary of the Los Angeles AFL Mooney-Billings Committee.

The itinerary for the tour follows. The first meeting will be held in Sacramento on Thursday evening, May 20, in Native Sons Hall. In addition to Davis and Ritchie, speakers will include State Senator Culbert L. Olson and Assemblymen Jack Tenney, Ben Rosenthal, Ellis Patterson and other legislators.

The second meeting will be in Bakersfield on the evening of May 21, while May 22 will see a great meeting in Fresno. On Sunday evening, May 23, a huge crowd is expected to attend in Trinity Auditorium, Los Angeles, to witness a monster demonstration in behalf of Mooney and Billings. Every assemblyman from Los Angeles who voted for the Mooney pardon resolution will be invited to appear on the platform and speak briefly.

On Monday evening, May 24, meeting will take place in the Wilmington Bowl, San Pedro, where maritime and other workers and the general public will gather to hear Assemblyman Fred Reaves of San Pedro, himself a worker, and other speakers present the Mooney case.

Tuesday evening, May 25, will witness a meeting in San Bernardino, while May 26 will mark the San Diego meeting where local Assemblyman Paul Ritchie will tell about the legislative effort to free Mooney.

On May 27 a meeting will be held in Santa Barbara, and on May 28 in San Jose. There will be no meetings over the Memorial Day weekend. On June 1, a great meeting will be held in Stockton, scene of the recent bitter cannery workers strike in which the strikers emerged victorious. On June 3, the labor movement of Oakland under the leadership of the East Bay AFL Mooney-Billings Committee will stage a huge public meeting. On June 4, a meeting will be held in Vallejo. On June 4, at Bank Hall in Rodeo, workers and the general public of Contra Costa County will gather to attend the Mooney-Billings mass meeting.

The tour will officially end with a final meeting in Eureka on June 5.

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HAVANA—In a manifesto announcing the formation of a new anti-Batista, anti-anti-political party, Former President Mario Garcia Menocal called for "the re-establishment of democracy in Cuba."

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## MRS. DOUGLAS ENTERTAINS

**Aircraft Magnate's Wife and Fascists**

SANTA MONICA—Mrs. Douglas, wife of the president of the Douglas Aircraft Co., whose plant was the scene of a sitdown strike in March, was hostess in a recent tea to which 150 Santa Monica society women were invited to hear a talk by Mrs. A.C. Mattel, state president of Pro-America, fascist organization, which is being organized throughout the United States.

**She Hates CIO**

Mrs. Mattel, according to guests at the tea, made a "vicious attack" on the administration, especially on the stand toward labor, declaring that the CIO is "the entering wedge of fascism in America" and must be stamped out before it is too late.

Most of the guests applauded the talk enthusiastically, but a few complained later that they did not wish to be identified with a movement plainly designed to crush the CIO.

The guests were principally members of the Republican Women's Club, which was organized a year ago to campaign for Landon.

## Alliance Wins Home For 5 Evicted, L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Unable to meet her landlord's demands for higher rent, Mrs. Mary Le Van, SERA victim, and her four children were thrown out of their home at 8022 Crockett boulevard last week, when relief authorities refused to pay a rent increase.

Responding to demands of local 15 of the Workers Alliance and of neighbors of Mrs. Le Van, officials of the State Relief hurried around and found a new home for the unfortunate family the following day.

Surrounded by her children, the youngest of which is 3 years of age, Mrs. Le Van spent one night on the street in front of her house after court officers had padlocked and barred her door.

Glaring example of the semi-starvation budgets given out by the relief agencies, all four children are suffering from malnutrition. Julia Lee, 12 years old, is always weak and tired. Her thin and scrawny arms and legs stand as living symbols of the nation's one third who are "ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-nourished."

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## ILA GOES TO PUBLIC WITH FACTS ON THE TEAMSTERS' JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE

Bridges, Goldblatt, Others Point Out, in Seattle Mass Meet, Vital Necessity Of Trade Union Unity

SEATTLE—In last week's public mass meeting, held while the ILA convention was going on, to explain to the people the meaning of the Teamsters' ILA dispute over the warehousemen, whom the ILA have organized, Harry Bridges struck out at President Green and the AFL heads, saying: "We are opposed to the dictatorship of a Supreme Court of Labor that sits 3000 miles away and knows nothing of the local situation. This is a local question, and it is up to us to settle it locally."

## WILLYS AUTO SITDOWN WON

CIO Auto Union in 20-Minute Strike

LOS ANGELES—Protesting the company's refusal to sign an agreement recently negotiated, members of the United Automobile Workers' Union at the Willys-Overland Pacific Company staged a 20-minute sitdown strike last week.

The strike was called off after the management agreed with the negotiating committee of local 215 to sign the settlement. Union officials declare that 450 men in the plant joined in the sitdown demonstration.

## Arrested in WPA Strike, They Need Support of Labor

SAN FRANCISCO—Thirty-one of the thirty-three workers arrested in the WPA strike still face trial charges ranging from disturbing the peace to "battery" on policemen, it was announced yesterday by the International Labor Defense.

Curiously, those facing charges are young women, of slight build and in each case of so-called "battery" they are accused of "assaulting" husky policemen.

An urgent appeal for members of organized labor and friends of labor to attend the trials was issued by Elaine Black of the International Labor Defense. This is particularly necessary, according to Miss Black, because the great majority of the trials are to be held before Municipal Judge Frank Dunne, who is notoriously unfriendly to labor prisoners.

All of the thirty-one are on bail supplied by the International Labor Defense. They are to be defended by George Anderson, of the International Labor Defense, and funds for their defense are badly needed.

Donations are requested to be sent or brought to Room 410, 1095 Market Street, bearing the notation, "for defense of WPA strikers."

All the prisoners are members of either the Workers Alliance, the American Federation of Government Employees, Lodge 236, or are WPA members of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union.

On May 14th, before Judge Frank Dunne, at 11 a.m. in the Hall of Justice, the following defendants are to be tried: William Watkins, Victor Merrick, William Penning, Leonard Perez, Eugene Comer, Ray Corta, David Cano, Oliver Williams, and Paul McNeally, all for the failure to move on.

Other Trials

On May 20, before Judge Dunne, in the Hall of Justice, at 11 a.m., the following defendants are to be tried: Ethel Perrine, Aaron Katz, Michael Taylor, Levin, and others.

On May 27th, before Judge Dunne, at 11 a.m., Marjorie Lee on charges of disturbing the peace and battery.

On June 3, before Judge Dunne, in the Hall of Justice, at 11 a.m., Willard Hildner, on charges of disturbing the peace.

On May 7, trial date will be set by Judge Pendegast, for Aaron Katz, James Richards and R. McCormick on charges of disturbing the peace.

On May 22, trial date will be set by Judge Dunne, for Mary Dunn, who was brutally attacked by police, on charges of battery, resisting an officer and disturbing the peace.

The following cases have been dismissed: Victor Merrick, charged with refusing to move on, dismissed by Judge Pendegast for lack of prosecution.

James Richards, charged with disturbing the peace, dismissed by Judge Twain Michaelson for lack of prosecution.

Joseph Barrett, John Duran, Sid Hall, Alex Brooks, William Johnson, Frank Tehan, Frank Silver, Joseph Samuels, Dan Vercelli—all dismissed. These defendants were found guilty by a jury before Judge Dunne but a poll of the jury proved that a juror did not believe them guilty a mistrial was called and the charges were later dismissed.

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## BIG GAINS



DAVID DUBINSKY, president of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union, which reported giant strides at its Atlantic City convention. Full aid for Spanish people and support for Supreme Court reforms were pledged.

## ILD Humbles Santa Monica Council

SANTA MONICA—Rallying mass pressure behind it, the Harry Simms branch of the International Labor Defense forced the reactionary city council to rescind its recent action, denying the ILD a permit to sell flowers on the streets on appointed days, as is the custom in Los Angeles and practically every city where the ILD maintains a branch.

Last year, when the local ILD made a similar request, the same city council told petitioners they would first have to get the O.K. of the Chamber of Commerce. When the petitioners refused to fall for this buck-passing trick, their request was denied by unanimous vote.

ILD Keeps Fighting

The ILD renewed its request for a flower sale permit two weeks ago. The request was denied on the ground that the petitioners were "not a local organization." The ILD promptly rallied a strong committee of liberals and progressives, together with its own membership, which invaded the council chambers and listened to the reading of a communication from the ILD, setting forth that the organization was formed in Santa Monica in 1930 and had been continuously active since that time.

Driven into a corner, the council, on motion of Mayor Gillette, then voted to grant the permit for the date asked, Sunday, June 6. Commissioner Plummer dissented.

With fine "political acumen," Mayor Gillette then moved to deny all future permits for flower sales in Santa Monica, excepting to the American Legion.

The motion was passed unanimously. But the Harry Simms branch of the ILD is determined to carry on the fight until complete victory is won.

"Red" Hynes Brutal Even to His Wife; Divorce is Granted

LOS ANGELES—Laying the blame for rumors of a strike involving the Arden Dairy Farms to the AFL Teamsters Union, E. A. Kope, organizer for the CIO Dairy Workers Union, denied last Thursday, May 13, that the CIO had intended calling a strike.

According to Kope, a representative of the CIO union was approached May 7 by a representative of the Teamsters Union who said, "You'd better pull your fellows out of there because we're going to call a strike Thursday."

At the time, the Dairy Workers Union had over one half of the workers in the plant organized, Kope stated. The CIO wanted to have a vote taken before any strike was called.

For NLRB Election

On Tuesday, May 11, Kope went before the National Labor Relations Board to file a petition for a Board-directed election. As yet, the petition has not been returned. On the basis that they have dairies in the northern part of the state or organized, Kope said, the Teamsters Union is attempting to stave off the election.

"There has been, to a noticeable degree, advice on the part of the Arden company for the workers to join the AFL union," Kope declared.

Over 125 drivers attended a meeting called by the union last Wednesday, May 12. All of them agreed to go with the CIO. A local, including approximately 15 percent of the inside and outside workers, is being set up.

"There is a rumor that the so-called strike has been 'postponed' until June," Kope sarcastically added.

The union is sharing offices with the Department Store Employees Union.

Demands of the union are for a closed shop, 48-hour week, a minimum of \$30 a week, and time and a half for overtime.

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## GOODYEAR, L.A. SECTION, STEPS FAST IN DRIVE

Hollywood Section is Off to Slow Start, However

LOS ANGELES—With East-side and Industrial Sections stepping out and taking the lead in the local Western Worker sub-drive, several sections are slated for state-wide prominence through their complete inactivity.

Demonstrating "How Not to Conduct a Western Worker Sub Drive," the Professional and Harbor Sections "take the cake."

Despite the fact that four weeks have passed in the drive, neither one of those two sections has turned in one sub!

Goodyear Ahead

Following in a close second, also, is Hollywood Section. To date, that section has turned in only four subs. It looks like Goodyear is going to win its challenge with Hollywood. So far, Goodyear has secured eleven subs to Hollywood's four. THERE is proof of what a little organization will do!

Almost at the very beginning, Goodyear got a swell live-wire Drive Director, Comrade Butler knows what she's doing. And though her section has many workers on relief it's out to bring a blush of shame to the cheeks of Hollywood comrades.

What's Wrong Here?

But, what's wrong with the Professional Section? Have the comrades in that section forgotten the resolution that was adopted at the County Convention—"Every Party Member Subscriber to the Western Worker?"

One Professional unit, No. 140, voted that every member should subscribe. But that goose egg is still opposite the section's credit. How about it, Organizer Lewis? Are you going to get any subs?

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SHIFT LEADERS OF RED ARMY

MOSCOW—Organization of the Red Army into military districts, together with changes in commanding staffs, was announced here by the Soviet Government.

As part of the program, Marshal A. I. Yegorov was appointed first assistant people's commissar of defense. First Rank Army Commander B. M. Shapshnikov replaced Yegorov as chief of the general staff. First Rank Commander J. E. Yakir was assigned to command the Leningrad military district, and Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky was placed in command of the Volga military district.

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## 74 DEPUTIES MORE AGAINST LABOR IN L. A.

Leland M. Ford is Champion of Anti-Union Move

LOS ANGELES—Championed by the reactionary Supervisor Leland M. Ford, Sheriff Biscailuz appeared before the Board of Supervisors in request for additional appropriations of money to provide for the addition of 74 more deputy sheriffs to his staff.

Aimed at Labor

Said open-shop supported Leland Ford, "We should by all means be prepared for labor trouble. I personally believe that there will be numerous strikes in coming months."

Strongly protesting the statement of his fellow-member, Supervisor John Anson Ford flared out:

"I shall certainly resist building up the Sheriff's office so it can break strikes more quickly."

"That office should not be an instrument to prevent constructive readjustment of the labor situation. If we arm ourselves against the laboring men, we're on the road to hell and bloodshed."

Called upon by Supervisor McDonough to explain his stand, Biscailuz stated that his deputies never broke up strikes, or did anything but enforce the law, and "preserve order."

Observers recalled, however, that two months ago, Biscailuz men were out in full force at the Douglas sit-down strike armed with clubs, tear gas bombs, and machine guns.

The Sheriff's request was tentatively granted with the new deputies' positions to become effective as of July 1st.

LA Supervisors OK Slum Clearance

LOS ANGELES—Endorsement of state legislation to provide for slum clearance throughout the state was given by the County Board of Supervisors.

The endorsement was given with the Board's statement that the program should be applied locally to eradication of shacks and tenements here. Public housing under proposed legislation was recommended.

Several weeks ago when the question of the Board's endorsement of the proposed legislation was brought up, Supervisor Leland M. Ford opposed the plan as not being necessary.

"That's only for crowded Eastern cities," he declared. "We have lots of open space and fresh air here. We don't need it."

Retorted John Anson Ford to this:

"Come with me and I'll show you some shameful hovels for which your fine rich friends are still collecting high rents!"

'Angriff' Wants to Suppress Lewis In United States

BERLIN—Der Angriff, propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels' newspaper, praised "suppression of Communism in South America" and said that the United States "is placidly permitting Communist propaganda to flourish."

Like articles in the Hearst press in America, the article was full of implied attacks on the New Deal. It assailed John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

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Victory Banquet for the freedom of Angelo Herndon, Saturday, May 22, 7:30 p. m. Masonic Lodge, 1050 E. 50th St. Musical program, dancing. (Plate \$1.00.) General adm. 35c. Attorneys Leo Gallagher and Grover Johnson will speak. Aup. International Labor Defense.

Friday, May 21st 8 P. M. 121 HAIGHT ST.

## World Issues WAR MONGERS MAKE USE OF PACIFIST TALK

Atrocity Story, Says N. Y. Times on Guernica

Pacifism never sounded queerer than it does today when enunciated by those who bristled with sword-rattling statements in 1914-18.

In the name of neutrality and "avoiding trouble," the British cabinet was all for allowing the miserable fleet of Franco gunboats to blockade and starve the women and children of Bilbao. No credit to the cabinet that the British people altered that situation, and Franco had to take it.

Now the fascists have struck their most deliberate provocation in the entire Spanish episode, having fired a torpedo into the British Destroyer Hunter. We may take it for granted that the British cabinet will not be disposed to scream to high heaven about this atrocity, because it happens to be one committed by fascism.

But it is equally certain that it will be harder now than ever for British reaction to continue its aid to Franco under the guise of neutrality.

Odd, isn't it, that the reactionary press everywhere should now be telling us not to take much stock in "atrocity stories"?

Take, for instance, this choice bit of deception out of the New York Times:

"General Franco's airplanes over Guernica would seem at first to bring many good people face to face with a cruel dilemma. It is a problem of how decent folk may cry out against an act of atrocious cruelty without laying themselves open to the charge of being atrocity mongers."

Yes, the Times would agree with all civilized people that it is terrible indeed. But what now? Something else is even more terrible and depressing.

We cannot do anything about it, because, says the Times, twenty years from now the war stories of the young writers will tell how:

"We who today (note the crocodile tears) feel horror and indignation at the news of Guernica were only the victims of propaganda. Countless such books have been written to explain how Americans felt in 1914 about the inhabitants of Louvain and Dinant."

In short, the forces of reaction everywhere spare no effort to create the impression that this is a "dilemma," that is, unless they are openly fascist and openly call for support to fascism against democracy.

It is not a dilemma. The provocative torpedo which struck the Cruiser Hunter only makes it more clear that the one road to peace in Spain is the suppression of the fascists who provoked the war and who are carrying it on.

The way to save British lives, and Spanish and Italian lives, present and future, is to stop the recognition of Franco—the false front of Italian and German fascist invasion—and to recognize and support the government which the people of Spain elect ed.

What is more vital to record at this time, however, is the fact that the rule of neutrality is losing its effect.

Spanish Foreign Minister del Vayo made no mistake when he said that the savage and unmerciful bombing of Guernica would be a boomerang. It would be a more general truth to say that the whole Spanish invasion will prove a boomerang.

It will prove a boomerang because the heroic Spanish people are fighting for their homes and their lives. The moral claim which they have on the support of world democracy is being acknowledged by an increasing indignation against the fascists and by increasing difficulties in the path of those who use the "neutral" guise to betray the Spanish people.

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## Military Threat Made Against Vargas Opponent

Buenos Aires — Brazilian federal troops were being sent into the state of Rio Grande do Sul, according to a report reaching here.

The only basis for the troop movement was the announcement that Gov. Flores de Cunha had announced his support to a candidate in opposition to Dictator Getulio Vargas for the presidency in the coming election.

Rio Grande do Sul has been the center of general protest against the brutality of the Vargas rule with its support to foreign capital exploiting the Brazilian people. Vargas has followed a policy of trying completely to throttle all political opposition.

"NO ADEQUATE YOUTH AID" — AYC DIRECTOR

RICHMOND, Va. — Society's program for inducing its youth into citizenship, employment and marriage, is inadequate and has failed, Dr. Homer P. Rainey, director of the American Youth Commission, told the National Congress of Parents and Teachers meeting here May 3-6.

Said Rainey: "A large percentage of some 20,000 youths reaching the age of employment each year cannot find employment. Seven-fifths per cent get no guidance worthy of the name. There is a steadily widening gap between the completion of their school experience and the beginning of employment."

"They are facing a world of more leisure without adequate preparation for an effective use of their leisure time. They live in communities almost wholly unequipped to provide adequate recreational facilities and leadership."

"Parents are confused and in most instances are helpless to deal with the problems confronting their own youth."

FUNDS POUR IN TO FREE TOM MOONEY

SAN FRANCISCO—Contributions to the fight to free Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings continue to roll into the San Francisco Central Labor Council, which turns over all funds to the Mooney Committee.

Recent contributions came from the Virginia, Minn., Central Labor Council; Aurora, Ill., Central Labor Council; Kenosha, Wis., Central Labor Council.

The Los Angeles AFL Committee for Freedom of Mooney and Billings forwarded \$100. The San Francisco AFL Committee forwarded \$48.88 receipts from the Mooney talking picture.

prove a boomerang.

It will prove a boomerang because the heroic Spanish people are fighting for their homes and their lives. The moral claim which they have on the support of world democracy is being acknowledged by an increasing indignation against the fascists and by increasing difficulties in the path of those who use the "neutral" guise to betray the Spanish people.

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## A Special Appeal

THE labor movement of California is surging upward to its greatest heights in history; organization of the unorganized is proceeding at the fastest clip yet known. Greater and greater fights of the working people to improve their conditions, and to check the fascist designs of the bankers and employers, are looming.

Communist Party members are being called on more and more to lead these struggles. Are all our Party members in California training to lead these struggles?

This week, which is check-up week throughout California in all Party units and branches, to determine how many comrades are regular readers of the Western Worker, will provide a measuring stick to determine this vital factor. Unless they are regular twice-a-week readers of the "Western," receiving knowledge of the last developments in the labor movement, along with a guide to action, our comrades will not be equipped to lead these impending struggles.

The slogan, "Every Party Member a Subscriber to the Western Worker by May 15," must become a reality this week. In every unit and branch, comrades who are not now subscribers must be urged in the strongest terms to sign a subscription blank at the meeting.

Check-up week must also see a lot of subscriptions from workers who as yet are not Party members. The Western Worker must be used to recruit new members, as well as to educate our present membership.

Let's get 100 per cent results this week—every Party member a subscriber! Then units and branches, certify your members as Western Worker readers, 100 per cent, and get your county organizer to send the certification in to the Western Worker office. Your unit will then receive a valuable premium.

## Demand an Investigation Into Fascist Espionage in U.S.

IF THE state department has heretofore been able to assume the ignorance of an ostrich regarding the activities of fascist spies and active agents of Franco in the United States, it cannot do so now.

The sensational expose of a Franco spy ring, published and documented in the Daily Worker and Western Worker, has been made the background of a demand by Senator Gerald P. Nye for a searching investigation of General Franco's agents in the United States. His demand is buttressed by a resolution introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative John Bernard and sponsored already by 29 members of that body.

The Western Worker, endorsing this proposal, urges that every supporter of peace and democracy immediately telegraph or write Senator Nye, giving it their full approval.

Not only have fascist spies been doing Franco's work in this country; they have been operating with the able and "respectable" assistance of such "patriots" as Ogden H. Hammond, former U. S. ambassador to Spain, and Basil Harris, vice-president of the Morgan-controlled International Mercantile Marine. These latter gentlemen have been working in close collaboration with the fascist agents, Marcelino Garcia and Juan de Cardenas under the front of the "American Committee for Spanish Relief."

The state department, proponent of "neutrality," has been fully aware that the diplomatic passports under which Cardenas and others have operated are fraudulent. Millions of Americans who have accepted this "neutrality" in good faith will demand to know how it is that such flagrant use of America as a spy center for the fascist butchers could be tolerated.

Write to Senator Nye urging full speed ahead with the investigation. There are friends of General Franco and fascism in America who will want to sidetrack it and to misdirect attention by arguments to "investigate both sides." They must not be allowed to hamstring and becloud a real investigation.

### A Blue Print for Fascism

THE Hill-Sheppard Bill, which would place on the federal statute books the War Department's Industrial Mobilization Plan, has been assailed by A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen, as "inimical to the fundamental principles of freedom and democracy," and as "threatening this nation with fascism."

One of the most significant attacks on the measure has come from the Willard Straight Post of the American Legion in New York, which told national commander Harry W. Colmery that the "Legion has been misled into supporting it."

Under the bill a "war ministry" made up of militarists and industrialists would suspend present labor standards, end collective bargaining, erase social legislation. Workers who object would be court-martialed. Women who work and women "not gainfully employed" would be drafted into industry and into duty with the armed forces. A "Council for Minors" would be created to conscript children if the labor and military service of men and women should prove insufficient.

Unions would be mere hollow shells, if not entirely crushed.

Since the bill speaks vaguely of an "emergency," it is quite possible that the fascist measures embodied in the bill might at any time be utilized against the American people, even in peace time.

The wide protest against the measure has led to a "promise" on the part of the bill's backers, who say they plan to modify the bill. The bill would still remain a fascist measure.

If mass pressure can force such a "promise," more mass pressure can force complete abandonment of the bill.

Such mass pressure should be made directly on Senators and Representatives by all unions and other progressive groups and individuals in the legislators' districts.

## Demand Passage of the Supreme Court Reform—Unchanged!

BY VIRTUE of a few single decisions forced out of the Supreme Court by the indignation of the American people, the reactionary forces of America are now engaged in a campaign to retain all the unconstitutional prerogatives of this citadel of reaction.

Their campaign is showing signs of success because of the dangerous silence of the administration in response to the group of proposals now being heard for a "compromise" by which perhaps four, perhaps two justices would be added instead of the six originally proposed by President Roosevelt.

Latest of these "compromise" proposals comes from none other than California's Senator McAdoo.

These reactionary proposals can be successful only if the American people allow their insight to be dulled as to their meaning. By virtue of a concession in an individual case, the forces of reaction are attempting to override the clear mandate of the American people for a thorough overhauling of the Supreme Court and the eventual abolition of its illegally-usurped right to nullify legislation passed by the elected representatives of the people.

Stop this reactionary assault which is proceeding under a smoke screen of falsity—the theory that the court has "reformed!"

Demand that Senator McAdoo reaffirm his support for the bill as originally proposed. Demand that Senator Johnson stop violating the expressed will of the California voters. Wire or write him—today!

In its last issue, and in the issue of April 26, the Western Worker published a petition to be filled out in support of the court reform proposals. Already these petitions are flowing into the Western Worker, filled out. Join this army of volunteers! Clip the petition and circulate it!

## Mobilize for May 22!

CONGRESSMEN and Senators who are inclined to be reactionary understand one kind of language, and it's called mass pressure.

President Roosevelt has demanded \$1,500,000,000 as a relief appropriation. This in itself would mean the discharge of 600,000 from the WPA relief rolls. But forces are at work in Congress who would cut even this inadequate sum down, resulting in the dismissal of as many as 1,200,000 from the WPA relief rolls.

It is against such heartless proposals that the Workers' Alliance has called for mass demonstrations throughout the country on May 22.

The Workers' Alliance in Los Angeles has already announced the holding of a huge demonstration in the Plaza next Saturday.

The need for mobilization of all possible forces for the May 22 demonstrations cannot be stressed too sharply. What is more, it is not purely a matter for the unemployed, for those on relief and on WPA. For there are others who would be affected by inadequate appropriations for the unemployed.

Among them are the trade unionists. Those still employed know only too well what cutting of the WPA relief rolls would mean to them—a threat to wage and living standards. It is therefore to the vital interest of the trade union members, of all those who are employed, to stand with the unemployed in the May 22 demonstrations.

## Earl King's Birthday

MAY 31 is the birthday of a man who may safely lay claim to the respect and honor of scores of thousands of workers. On that day Earl King will be 44 years of age. His 44th birthday will be spent behind the bars of San Quentin, the living tomb to which King has been consigned by the shipowners and California authorities because he was an honest and fearless fighter for the maritime workers.

Remember Earl King with a card of greeting and encouragement, with a reminder that the fight for his freedom goes on. Cards should be sent direct to San Quentin, Cal., care of Box No. 59815.

## The Artists Organize and Go On Strike



PICKETS OF Commercial Artists and Designer 1st 19329 on strike at Fleischer studios, New York. They draw "Betty Boop" and "Popeye" in the movies.

## The People's Front in The Philippine Islands

By JUAN TAMARAO

A new political path opens before the Filipino people. All the anti-imperialist, anti-fascist and democratic parties have entered into the Popular Alliance to fight the growing military-fascist dictatorship of President Manuel L. Quezon, to better the conditions of the people and to assure a free and independent Philippines.

The most important outcome thus far of the Commonwealth after one year of its existence is this new alignment of the people's parties against the basic content of the whole Commonwealth plan itself. The new People's Front now forming in the Far East is setting up an additional barrier before the Japanese aggressors in Asia and offers to link the national democratic forces of China with all of Polynesia, with Borneo and the Dutch West Indies, and with the Malay Peninsula. It is only fitting that the fruit of decades of American imperialist domination in the Philippines should be a democratic, anti-imperialist front of the people.

The component parties of the Popular Alliance represent the most vital democratic and progressive forces in the country, a real political "unity of the people." These parties of General Emilio Aguinaldo and the Bishop Gregorio Aglipay, who separately opposed Quezon in the presidential election of 1935 and together obtained 330,000 votes as against 690,000 for Quezon, have joined the Alliance, Aguinaldo's National Socialist Party is anti-hacienderos and strongly nationalist, and favors a program of reforms which would rid the country of dictatorship by establishing democratic rights. Its support comes principally from the middle classes and the veterans of the revolutions against Spain and the United States who have not forgotten what it means to fight for independence.

After the formation of the Popular Alliance, the party was strengthened by the adherence of General Jose Alejandrino, a veteran of the revolution who resigned from Quezon's Military Defense Committee to join the new grouping, and Juan Sumulong. The latter is the former leader of the old middle class opposition party, the Democrata, most of which was absorbed in the government coalition party which is dominated by Quezon.

A Respected Leader  
Ex-Senator Sumulong is a respected political leader of long standing who brings with him to the Popular Alliance the support of an important section of the Filipino middle class. It is the section of Filipino businessmen and small capitalists with industrial aspirations who are opposed to the economic policies of Quezon which have sacrificed the development of native industry for the benefits of the American free market. As the result of the establishment of free trade between the Philippines and the United States, the Americans won a monopoly of the Philippine market which makes it impossible for Filipinos to start industries of their own.

The hacienderos, on the other hand, and especially the Filipino sugar barons, have given their wholehearted support to Quezon and are now driving toward the strengthening of economic ties with the United States.

In opposition to Quezon, middle class leaders such as Juan Sumulong are strong advocates of a protectionist tariff policy directed against both the United States and Japan which would encourage the development of Filipino industry and establish an economic basis for independence. This section of the Filipino bourgeoisie consequently plays an anti-imperialist role and is progressive and liberal in politics.

Aglipayan Movement  
The Aglipayan movement is rooted in the powerful anti-Catholic and independence tradition of the Philippines. Gregorio Aglipay is the head bishop of the Philippine Independent Church,

which was born in the heat of the revolution at the turn of the century. Aglipay was the Vicar-General of Aguinaldo's insurrectionary army and the leader of the guerrilla forces which held out to the last against American troops. He has remained a sincere and honest democrat and independence ever since. His church, which has about 4,000,000 members, mostly among the peasantry and the progressive middle classes, has fought every encroachment of the Catholic power, which is the bulwark of feudal property in the country. Aglipay has aligned himself staunchly with the masses. During the 1935 election campaign he brought his Republican Party back to life and joined the Coalition of the Oppressed Masses, together with the Socialist Party and the Teachers League, which ran him for President. The Aglipayans represent a powerful popular force, concentrating the widespread hatred of large sections of the people against the power of the Catholic hierarchy, against whom the people waged their revolution at the end of the last century.

The third important mass party in the Popular Alliance is the Sakdalista. Its great influence among the peasantry is explained in part by the Sakdal leaders' emphasis upon "absolute, complete and immediate independence" and, in part, by its anarchistic and insurrectionary tendencies.

The party rests almost solely upon its independence plank, to the exclusion of all immediate internal demands. Like some peasant-nationalist parties in other colonial or semi-feudal countries, the Sakdals have a contempt for political activity, especially participation in elections and in parliament. It boycotted the plebiscite and the elections for the Commonwealth Government.

This attitude toward political action is partly a heritage of the Spanish influence in the early stages of the Filipino labor movement and of the anarcho-sindicalist theories imported from Spain. The influence has been prolonged because of the peasant soil in which it took root.

Peasant Risings  
The Sakdalista, and their predecessors the Tuguegarayos, were the leaders of the peasant "uprisings" of 1931 and 1935 which were drowned in blood by the authorities. The influence of the party among the peasantry has grown rapidly, until today whole provinces in Luzon, the chief island in the Philippine group, are referred to as "Sakdal provinces."

Besides the tendency of the Sakdals to enter into premature actions of an insurrectionary type, the party has still another characteristic which made its inclusion in the Popular Alliance difficult. Its leader, Benigno Ramos, since 1935 in self-exile in Tokyo, is undoubtedly a tool of Japan, which is casting long eyes toward the south and has carried on economic penetration and political intrigue for a number of years in the Philippines. In his public utterances, Ramos defends Japanese action in Asia and calls upon Japan, as the "leader of the orientals," to help the Filipinos obtain their freedom from the United States. On this issue, however, there have already taken place some sharp divisions within the Sakdal ranks in the Philippines. The further development of Popular Alliance activities, based upon the united front in the provinces, has the tendency to overcome the pernicious Tokyo influence and substitute for a vague general program a platform of immediate needs.

(To be continued.)

## Fascist Spy Made Munitions Deal

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Place to the Countess de Guell in Biarritz, France, last November.

"I commissioned a very trustworthy friend of absolute rightest leanings," says Garcia's letter, a copy of which is in possession of the Daily Worker, "to place the matter in the hands of Manolo Alonso (the tennis player), who is working together with the others, among them the American ex-ambassador Mr. Ogden Hammond, to gather funds for the cause."

Not denying the implication, Hammond immediately came to the defense of the spy general Cardenas. Despite the evidence, Hammond declared that Cardenas had sought, "no special information here," and that the Committee for Spanish Relief was merely "helping war victims."

Sought Munitions  
The munitions deal attempted by the fascist ring was carried on by Joaquin Sunye. The Daily Worker in its expose offered to produce a witness who went to Sunye at his office, 501 Madison Avenue, and received from him an offer to buy a list of machine guns, parts and ammunition.

To Harry Raymond, Daily Worker reporter, Sunye admitted his connection with members of the spy ring, but denied offering to purchase the list of munitions. The Daily Worker, however, is prepared to bring to the witness stand the man with whom Sunye carried on the negotiations.

The illegal use of the mails by the spy ring was carried on through Fr. Edward Lodge Curran, fascist head of the International Catholic Truth Society, 407 Berven Street, Brooklyn, who mailed thousands of horror pictures, all of them studio-pose. They were traced to their source despite the fact that they were mailed without return address, in plain yellow envelopes.

Photographers Spike Franco  
All these pictures were examined by expert photographers

## INDIA BOYCOTT ON CORONATION

CALCUTTA—As a protest against the "constitution" which continued the status of colonial subjection to India's masses, the Calcutta Corporation (Council) voted not to participate in any celebration for the coronation of George VI.

The British cabinet has long since decided not to have the King make the usual post-coronation visit to India, anticipating unfriendly demonstrations.

## Apprentices Strike Shipyards of Clyde

GLASGOW, Scotland, (YNS)—Thirteen thousand ship-building and engineering apprentices, aged 19, have tied up the Clyde River basin, greatest ship-building area in the world, for more than seven weeks with a strike for union recognition and higher wages. Strike leaders announced apprentices had been receiving between \$2 and \$3 per week.

STEEL COUNCIL FORMED  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A Birmingham Steel Council has been formed, due to the setting up of so many lodges through CIO growth.

and pronounced frauds. One showed a nude woman, which photographers say was taken in a studio under three lights, and then imposed on a background picture of a field. The head does not rest naturally on the ground. The left arm appears to be suspended in air. The three-shadow effect on the body could not be obtained in an open field under the sun, but only by an arrangement of studio lights.

Other fake pictures exhibited the same telling characteristics. Their identification with Curran was admitted by Joaquin Sunye, member of the fascist spy ring. Although he protested vigorously that he had nothing personally to do with them, he was aware of Curran's activities and said he believed them to be authentic.

## AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

### The Elections and Next Tasks

THE RECENT sessions of the California State Committee of the Party reviewed the results of the recent municipal elections in Los Angeles and Oakland and the work of the Party in these campaigns. On the surface it may appear that the results of the elections were mainly negative, because of the defeat of the major labor or progressive candidates.

But the significance of both campaigns lies in the fact that here was crystallized for the first time a strong bloc of unions that carried on a fight for independent political action through the launching of labor tickets backed by the central labor bodies.

This bloc in both Oakland and Los Angeles represents as yet a minority of the trade unions, but it is representative of a growing progressive trend in the labor movement of California, which in the past did not participate at all in independent political activity.

The progressive unions were not yet able to overcome the opposition and sabotage of the reactionary officialdom of the Central Labor Councils, although the fight for a labor ticket was defeated only by a narrow margin which required the utmost mobilization and pressure of the bureaucracy.

### SHAMEFUL TREACHERY

It was this shameful treachery on the part of the bureaucracy that divided the labor and progressive forces, and made possible the victory of the reactionary Republican Kelley machine in Oakland, and of the anti-labor Shaw administration in Los Angeles. In some cases the labor officialdom openly collaborated with the bitter enemies of labor, as in Oakland, where some of them helped to defeat the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance by the narrowest of margins.

These lessons must be brought home to every trade union member, in order that such treachery cannot be repeated, and that those responsible shall be repudiated and driven out of leadership in the labor movement.

In striking contrast, the repeal of the 20-year-old anti-picketing ordinance in the special elections in San Francisco was made possible because the pressure of the rank-and-file of the unions, with the active participation of our Party, aroused a large section of the labor movement to active participation in the election.

The progressive forces in the Democratic Party should draw some lessons from all this, as well as former Epics and Townsendites, that an effective struggle on the political field depends first and foremost on the active participation of the trade union movement, in alliance with farmers and other progressive forces. The present stage of the fight for independent political action against reaction in California, eventually leading to a Farmer-Labor Party, requires the building of a united front of the trade unions, the progressive farm organizations and the genuine progressive elements in the Democratic Party and among Epics and Townsendites, together with the Communists and all sincere Socialists. The progressive elements in Democratic clubs, in the Democratic County Central Committees, and in the Young Democrats, must take steps to form an alliance with the progressive unions and farmers' organizations, with a genuine labor-farmer platform as the first step to prepare for a really effective struggle to defeat the reactionary Republican state administration in the 1938 elections.

### THE SESSIONS "WRITE-IN"

An example of such a united front was the "write-in" campaign of Al Sessions in the special elections in the 10th Congressional District, with the support of the labor movement and all progressives, and the endorsement of the Communist Party. Sessions made an excellent showing on a "write-in" vote.

Another encouraging development is the decision of the Sacramento trade union movement favoring independent political action by labor in the coming municipal elections in the fall.

### THE PEOPLE'S LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

A movement of growing importance on the political field is the California People's Legislative Conference, a united front organization of great potentialities. This People's Lobby has been conducting a state-wide campaign of mass pressure, backed by 58 trade unions and seven district councils and central labor bodies, for labor legislation and has helped to block a number of vicious anti-labor bills in the Legislature. The Conference is calling a State Convention in Santa Maria on June 20th, to review its legislative activity and map its future work.

It has under consideration the launching of a campaign for a unicameral (one-house) legislature, which would eliminate the reactionary-controlled State Senate, which is at present elected undemocratically by districts regardless of population. The fullest support to the June 20th convention must be given by all labor and progressive forces, to strengthen its trade union base and make a serious effort to draw in progressive farmers' organizations.

The activities of the Legislative Conference have helped to crystallize a small progressive bloc in the State Assembly that carried on a militant fight against odds for labor legislation and to defeat pro-fascist bills. This bloc faced a solid wall of opposition from the Republican legislators and a large section of reactionary Democratic legislators. It received only indifferent support from leaders of the State Federation of Labor, who contented themselves with the old lobbying methods, without arousing a campaign of mass pressure in the labor movement.

The result is that the State Legislature is going into its final weeks without a single major piece of labor legislation adopted, and all that can be said is that a number of anti-labor bills have thus far been blocked, although there is still a danger that some of them will be rushed through in the closing hours, if labor is not vigilant. The record of the 1937 Legislature must alarm the people of California, and arouse them to the need for independent political action by the Farmer-Labor forces.

A lesson should be learned from the Washington Commonwealth Federation, the Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Progressive Political Federation, and the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party. The genuine progressives in the Democratic Party would do well to work out a common program for effective political action together with the militant progressive forces in the trade union, looking toward the 1938 elections.

### Marie Strike Buts

## Halt on "A" Films

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to hold a vote, simply declaring the agreement in force. They refused a vote by the membership on a motion from the floor to reject the agreement. Lionel Stander received a great ovation for his speech denouncing the agreement and championing the extras and bit players. The entire membership rose in honor at the conclusion of Stander's speech.

Aroused by the scabby and strike-breaking tactics of their leaders, 200 members of the "White Rats," a group of progressives in the IATSE, met at the Carpenters' Hall and passed resolutions demanding of the AFL Executive Council more democracy within their union. For the past two years, no meetings

have been called nor have the unity to elect officers.

The meeting further demanded that the Executive Council end the scabbing that has been carried on by the IATSE throughout the strike.

As a last word, the progressives declared that if they did not get a favorable reply, they would take further action. The "White Rats" has a total membership of over 750 in local 37. Efforts of the officials of the Teamsters Union, local 399, to break the strike of the FMPC were glaringly exposed.

Threatening to lift the card of any member who refused to pass through the picket lines, the members were informed that if the union voted to support the strike, International President Dan Tobin would recommend lifting the local's charter. Despite, however, this intimidation, a large minority is definitely opposed to the strike-breaking policy of the local's leadership.



PROBLEMS OF CALIFORNIA INDIANS  
—FIGHT COMPANY UNION IN LASSEN  
COUNTY—RELIEF 'FOOTBALL' IN L. A.

# WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

"IT'S EASY TO GET SUBS," SAYS  
OAKLAND WORKER CORRESPONDENT  
—FIGHT FRAME-UP OF DAIRY FARMER

## S. F. Hotel Picket Calls for Democratic Strike Conduct

### FOOTBALL--AS PLAYED BY L. A. COUNTY RELIEF

C.R.A. Worker Tells  
Experiences With  
Gen. Hospital

By an Unemployed Worker  
LOS ANGELES—If anyone has at any time wondered how it would feel to be a football, they have never had anything to do with the L.A. County Relief Czar. They can see a kick in a person around from pillar to post, with the result that a client can never seem to make a goal, unless he has plenty of backing or pressure behind him.

About three months ago I was in the General Hospital with what they called stomach ulcers. After six days of feeding me milk and cream (not much cream), they discharged me.

Show This to Ricks  
I go to the clinic about every three weeks, when they ask me how I'm progressing and perhaps give me a little more advice and maybe some more powders.

About three weeks after I got out of the hospital, I was sent to the so-called "Work Test" doctor of the General Hospital by my visitor, Mr. Ricks (I hope someone shows him this, when it's printed in the "Western"). This horse doctor, knowing which side his bread is buttered on, sends in a report that I'm O.K. for any work. The result is that Mr. Ricks sends me to the L.A.C.R.A. and they want to shove me into one of their concentration camps.

Beans for Ulcers  
Imagine one who has ulcers of the stomach sitting down at meal time with a mess of beans or hash in front of him! (That's all I'm going to do, is just imagine it. I don't aim to kick off.)

At the present time I'm trying to get some place with the hospital officials. I'm getting an X-ray tomorrow, and after that I suppose I'll have to go a few more rounds with the relief set-up. They sure run you ragged; but hell, I'm used to that stuff, and they sure aren't going to discourage me, for if they don't give me a square deal soon, they will have to deal with the Workers Alliance.

Stay With It  
I haven't taken it up with the W.A. as I'm not a member in good standing owing to my ill health. Therefore, I've hesitated taking it up with them, but shall do so if it's necessary. The main thing, though, is to stay with it until I get results, and boy! I am sure going to do that.

P.S.—Print the name also if you wish, as I want these relief mugs to know how I feel. Maybe some of them will read it. I hope so.

### Workers' Alliance, L.A., In Thanks To "Western"

Western Worker, Los Angeles

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the cooperation in giving the publicity in a recent issue of your paper.

The refusal of the SRA officials to meet with our Grievance Committee has resulted in many hardships and sufferings for families who had access to our organization and immediate results. A case or client living at 1094 South Evergreen Ave. has been evicted while away from home looking for another place to move into. The landlord, illegally without due process of law, removed his furniture.

This victim was refused relief, although entitled to, according to his status. This client went through the regular routine asking for aid, was given the run-around. Finally he came to the Workers Alliance Union. But the organization could not aid him in this instance. WHY? Because the dictator, Triggs, has cancelled our union recognition.

More Evictions Threaten  
This eviction case could have been avoided. Therefore, non-recognition has resulted in an eviction of a family of four small children and wife, out in the street without a roof over their heads, and no food to eat.

Our union has received complaints of more pending evictions. May I ask who are these "Americans" that are breaking up homes and families? The Chamber of Commerce, which is cutting down relief budgets, and Mr. Triggs carries out the orders.

Yours truly,  
SANFORD S. BELDNER  
Organizer, District 6,  
Workers Alliance.

## Calif. Indians Betrayed And Bled of Their Money

### DENIED MONEY PROMISED BY U. S. TREATIES

Threat to Railroad Indians to  
Reservations Under Act

By a Worker Correspondent  
OROVILLE, Butte County—Please find enclosed some literature that I feel I was fortunate in obtaining, as it brings up a subject that as yet I have not seen discussed through the medium of the Western Worker. It is the subject of the Indian question.

These Indians have fought a losing battle for years in their efforts to get the money promised them from the government on the treaties. Year after year the Indians have been bled of their few pennies and dimes, to the different agencies who seem to get nowhere in the work.

Trying to Railroad Indians  
It strikes me the Western Worker might be able to help in this cause by investigating the movements of the executives in this movement.

It seems John Collier, the reactionary element in the movement, is trying to railroad the Indians to reservations by enforcing the Howard-Wheeler Act.

However, the Indians want this repealed, as does Wheeler, as it is not what the Indians want. It has been suspected by some of the Indians that Collier and F.G. Collett, Executive Representative of California Indians, Inc., may be working together for their own benefit and to prolong the fight to hold soft jobs as long as possible.

However, the Indians, especially in California, are poor and unenlightened as to their rights, and must trust someone, so many are pinning their faith to Collett.

Please make a careful study of these articles enclosed; and if you see fit, make an editorial comment upon the subject. In case you do this, please send me 25 copies of the edition of W.W. containing the article.

Please return these printed pages, as they were borrowed for this notice. Mr. Ransom Clark, who made the cartoon, is a member of the Con-Cow Indian tribe, Butte County. He is capable of producing especially good cartoons upon any subject.

### Nurses Given Raw Deal in General Hospital, L.A.

By a Nurse  
LOS ANGELES—There is a move on foot at the L.A. County General Hospital to increase the salary of employees in the lower bracket, such as nurses working for as little as \$40 per month.

These nurses are forced to accept such ridiculously low compensation due to the scarcity of employment. This generosity (?) on the part of the county government is being done at the expense of the ones in higher (?) brackets, though.

For instance, those nurses receiving \$95 per month would get a cut to the level of those in the lower brackets. Scrt of equalizing the misery!

Nurses Badly Exploited  
Considering the rising cost of living, furnishing our own uniforms, the dangers (contagion) of our profession, the length of training, the many obstacles confronting us, besides the actual physical hardships one must endure under the speed-up system (running under the hand), I wonder when nurses are going to wake up to the fact they are being exploited just as much as the factory workers.

Is it worth while training for a profession, at least under these conditions that are being administered at the L.A. County General Hospital?

Please do not publish my name, as I would lose even that meager sum I receive for my family's support.

### Alaska Canner Urges Building of Western Worker Circulation

By an Alaska Canner  
SAN FRANCISCO—Unit 5, Waterfront Section of the Communist Party subscribed to 500 copies of the May Day issue of the Western Worker, with very little effort. In view of this, why can't every Party unit throughout the whole country do the same thing every May Day? It doesn't have to be a May Day issue—any issue of the Western Worker is just as important.

### SEEK ARTICLE ON PROBLEMS OF INDIANS

The Western Worker regrets it does not have information available on the rights and problems of the Indians of California, and therefore is not able to supply an authoritative article on the subject. However, the two letters from a worker correspondent, printed here, give somewhat of an outline on the subject.

The Western Worker is anxious to secure such material, however, and will be glad of the cooperation of any of its readers. Any Indians who wish to write of their problems, will find the columns of the Western Worker open to them.

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE EDITOR.

### NEW CO. UNION IS PLANNED BY CO. IN WESTWOOD

Red River Lumber Co. Will  
Only Change Name  
of "Union"

By a Lumber Worker  
WESTWOOD, Lassen County—I believe this letter will be interesting and important to the promotion of workers' progress. This town of Westwood is a lumber town of about 9000 population. We have had no bargaining agency here except an organization known as the 4-L. Now with the Wagner Act, it has been declared void. This is no loss to my estimation, as it has been a company union right along.

Co. Plans New Co. Union  
I have just arrived from a meeting of this 4-L organization, and it has been very interesting. Due to the fact that this organization will be out of existence by May 17, 1937, a plan has been made by this organization to change the name of 4-L, which means "Loyal League of Lumbermen and Loggers" to "Industrial Employees Union."

This is my opinion because Mr. Wing, representative of this now planned I.E.U., admitted that they were stockholders in the 4-L.

It is clear to be seen that this is only another company union and of no good to the workers. He has promised us a 10 per cent wage increase, 40 hours a week and no raises in rent. But it's obviously seen that this is only a lure to get the employees of this Red River Lumber Co. in this I.E.U., and to block the CIO from organizing here.

CIO Discussion Blocked  
A motion was proposed by a fellow worker to join the CIO, but was quickly sidestepped into another conversation by a reactionary of this town who knocked John L. Lewis and the CIO, calling him a czar of workers.

This is a shame. Workers are going to be blindly led into another company union like the 4-L if we don't get a CIO organizer here.

Need Real Union in Westwood  
This last meeting was represented by and only this coming or attempted, "Industrial Employees Union." A vote was not taken for this union, but I can see it will be forced next time, that is Wednesday, May 12.

Mr. Wing said the CIO and AFL better not come in this town. Mr. Walker, owner of this lumber plant, said at the meeting that he wants to know who he is bargaining with. Let's let him know! Let's form a real union!

### VALLEJO HAS SUCCESSFUL CIO MEETING

By a Worker Correspondent  
VALLEJO, Solano County—

From a point of attendance, the CIO mass meeting here on May 3 was a great success. The hall was crowded with a representative body, including Mare Island Shipyard workers.

Local speakers, assisted by CIO members from San Francisco, fully explained what the CIO stood for and answered all questions.

One speaker explained that the AFL idea of political action was to have lobbyists pass labor measures through legislative bodies. But the CIO did not depend on lobbyists to do this work. They meant to have members of labor elected to legislatures and do this work themselves, that labor represented the majority of the citizens, therefore it had the right to make the laws.

### INDIANS FIGHT REMOVAL INTO POOR LOCATION

Bill Would Permit Sending  
Them to Sand Storm Area

By a Worker Correspondent  
OROVILLE, Butte County—Just received a little more information regarding the Indian question. Am enclosing a copy of a part of a letter received by R. Clark, whose letters I sent to you below, as follows:

"Very recently a bill has been passed for passage which would restore Palm Springs Indians to a reservation and subject all of the Indians to yield their allotments to one common reservation."

"This would give the commissioner an opportunity to sell the reservation to a Los Angeles real estate promoter, and would provide for the removal of the Indians into less desirable locations of the desert, where the wind blows so severely that the sand storms cut telegraph wires."

Bill Was Railroaded  
The property concerned is valued at \$1,500,000 to \$1,750,000. A few weeks ago, a bill was railroaded through Congress without proper hearing and no opportunity for amendments. It provided the Secretary of the Interior (Commissioner of Indian Affairs) with authority in his discretion without reference to the Indians to establish for the Indians new reservations and class them thereafter as wards and reservation Indians.

"The Indians in Inyo and Mono Counties refused to go under the Howard-Wheeler Act, and now they are being forced onto reservations."

### Unionism Taking On in Oroville

By a Worker Correspondent  
OROVILLE, Butte County—Some progress is taking place here in Oroville; some more new unions are starting. I went to the union hall to see about the Bakers' Union meeting. The Clerks Union was in session, but they told me that the bakers had met earlier in the day.

I saw three landscape gardeners; they said that they wanted a union, too. I work part-time at landscape gardening, too. Besides I do part-time janitor work at a bakery shop.

The greater majority of the people here are for the unions. The constant talk among the groups of people is mostly of some political or economic nature.

Article Hit the Spot  
Oroville is not just another little sleepy farming city away back from up to date civilization, when it comes right down to the basic principles of life. Many people here are watching the march of events.

I never had any money to order a bundle of Western Worker with my articles in them. But I used one quite a few places where I have progressive or "on the fence" contacts. The article about Municipal Power in Monday, April 26, issue, hit the right spot.

This article will undoubtedly win some more people nearer to our side. Already it has done some good here. Please send a bundle if you can—I will do the Jimmy Higgins work with them.

(Note: The bundle was sent on credit.)

### Pacific Box Co. Workers Organize In San Francisco

By a Box Worker  
SAN FRANCISCO—The Pacific Box Co. workers recently organized and obtained an AFL charter, No. 1137.

The workers are getting only 40 cents per hour. The company is hindering jacking up their wages to 50 cents. However, the workers are planning to demand 60 cents per hour, time and a half for overtime, and union recognition.

These workers have been among the most exploited in S.F. Not long ago they were getting only \$2.17 and \$2.50 for an eight-hour and nine-hour day.

ANOTHER CIO VICTORY  
TOLEDO, O.—The United Automobile Workers of America signed a contract with Willys-Overland providing seniority, wage adjustments and recognition of the union for members. The union is 92 per cent organized.

### FIGHT FRAME- UP OF DAIRY UNION LEADER

Protest Arrests in  
Stanislaus County  
TB Test Fight

By a Farmer  
CROWS LANDING, Stanislaus County—The frame-up has been started against Wm. A. Standridge, of Hilmar, leader in the Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union, because of the union's fight against enforcement of the bovine tuberculosis eradication ordinance.

Standridge gave himself up on charges of three counts of "interference with enforcement of the TB ordinance."

Some Lose All Their Cows  
Several dairy men in this vicinity lost all their cows through this test, and their "compensation" will amount to less than 30 per cent of the value of the cows. What will these men do to make a living for their families?

We are in a hell of a mess, but I will fight to my dying day, but the farmers and workers of my country will some day unite our forces for a better America.

Standridge was released on \$1000 bail posted by Vernon Gant, Modesto attorney, in behalf of the Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union, and was arraigned in Justice Court at Modesto. Judge Leslie K. Floyd set preliminary hearing for May 14.

Other farmers' organizations, labor unions and all progressive people are urged to write Judge Floyd demanding that the charges against Standridge and the attorney who has worked with the small dairymen in their long legal fight, still in the courts, against the TB tests without adequate compensation.

The TB testing is proceeding in the West Side district, and Dr. P.E. Johnson, federal veterinarian directing the tests, condemned every one of the 56 head of cattle owned by Frank Rose, Maze Road dairyman.

Rose is now in Stanislaus County Jail on charges of violation of the TB test ordinance, represented by J.P. Boyle, Fresno attorney who has worked with the small dairymen in their long legal fight, still in the courts, against the TB tests without adequate compensation.

50 of 51 Cows Condemned  
Rose has appealed to the State Supreme Court for his release on a writ of habeas corpus.

Dr. Johnson also condemned 50 out of 51 head of cattle owned by Manuel J. Bettencourt, of Salida, who is also charged with violation of the ordinance and who is now out on bail.

### Worker Describes Seattle's May Day Parade

By a Worker Correspondent  
SPOKANE, Wash.—I have just returned from Seattle and participated in the greatest parade demonstration of labor that I have ever seen on the Pacific Coast.

The vanguard, headed by a delegation of Indians in their colorful attire, was represented by delegations of Finns, Scandinavians, Polish, German, French, Mexican, Spanish, Japs, Filipinos, Italians, and Chinese. Workers all worked together to make the May Day demonstration a huge success, which it certainly was.

Indian States Problems  
We marched in units to Times Square where we all assembled and paraded to Yesler Way and to City Hall Square and disbanded. We were then addressed by different speakers, also by one of the Indians who, in a few words, gave us a very lucid explanation of their problems, which was about the same as all other workers, although the Indians were more viciously exploited than the whites.

The sidewalks were lined the entire distance with, it seemed to me, the entire population of Seattle. No drunks, no booze, but many of the ranks on the parade. The ladies had a very nice unit in the parade. There were prizes given to the best floats and units in the parade. I did not stay to find which ones received them, but will say Seattle, a city I had seen burned to the ground, I was proud to see that labor, which had rebuilt it and leveled its hills, filled its tideland, and made its beautiful parks, demonstrate with such wonderful solidarity.

I would suggest for a future event, that it would be impressive if they had delegations from all parts of the state with their banners.

Mayor Dore headed the parade and spoke at the Square. Also the Los Angeles secretary of the Workers' Alliance spoke, and also delegates from Tacoma.

### Douglas Frameups Can Be Defeated



ALL BUT 24 of the 350 indictments against Douglas Aircraft strikers were dropped last week in Los Angeles. The 24 can also be dropped through mass pressure. Photo shows Douglas aircraft workers signing up in CIO United Workers Union in Santa Monica.

## Shows How Easy To Get WW Subs

By a Worker Correspondent  
OAKLAND—The Communist Party Alameda Unit has made its challenge to be the first unit to fulfill its quota and be the first to over-subscribe. In the first week of the drive 17 subs were turned in, and by now 24 subs. The quota is only 15.

Here's how it's done. Every comrade signed a pledge to enter the contest. Practically every member turned in at least one. Every known reader, past or present, is being visited and asked to subscribe. The results show that this method justifies the little effort it takes.

Who'll Answer?  
This unit will accept a challenge from any other unit in the state, and says:

"Who wants to compete with us? Who don't care how tough you make it?"

In Alameda County as a whole, the Party has turned in 71 subscriptions, 28 per cent of its quota, and is just beginning to get under way.

Need All Units Functioning  
"Activities of individual comrades are responsible for Alameda County's leading the state so far," said the county drive director, Comrade Dick of Central Oakland.

"If we had all the units functioning, each with drive directors to organize and push the circulation of the Western Worker, we would be over the top by now, and starting out to double our quota."

Industrial Section Weak  
"Our big weakness is this, and the fact that the Industrial Section has done practically nothing. The county executive committee is having a special meeting with these comrades, so as to organize sub-getters among the trade-unions."

"Central Oakland hasn't gotten so many subs as yet, but most of the ones they have got are yearly subs."

When we really get our drive organized here in the East Bay, we'll show all the other counties in the state how to build the circulation of the "Western" and how easy it is to do so.

Five Recruits Already  
A comrade in the Alameda unit pointed out that building the Party and building the "Western" go hand in hand. This unit has already recruited five new subscribers to the Party, and expects to recruit two more this week.

So you can see we comrades in Alameda County realize how important it is to build the "Western."

One good bet we have overlooked so far is utilizing workers' correspondence to build the W.W. in the factories, shops and unions. We should get some of our best results from this.

### Ford Workers Are Solid for U. A. W.

By a Ford Worker  
RICHMOND—The Ford Co. here called a meeting for a company union a week ago Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Employees' Social Club, but got only eight or 10 to sign up. The United Auto Workers local met in the afternoon at the Labor Temple, with a full house.

### SIX OFFICIALS BLOCKING RANK AND FILE WILL

Worker Urges Strike  
Committees All  
Be Elected

By a Hotel Striker  
SAN FRANCISCO—Again we see a return to the old fashioned, bewildered mode of conducting a big strike. We study the news columns day after day without success, trying to find some indications of an actual rank and file participation in the big hotel strike.

The truth becomes apparent when we examine the machinery of the strike conduct. How is the strike organized and what provision is made for strikers' initiative?

The control is vested in the negotiating committee, which is at the same time the strike strategy committee. This group of six, all officials in complete control of everything, a perfect machine.

Even Locals Denied Say-So  
At the beginning of the negotiating, this committee, at a meeting of hotel workers at Eagles Hall, succeeded in obtaining the power to take action to enforce demands but has since put its own interpretation on this endorsement to mean that they are the sole and only authority and controller of everything pertaining not only to the strike and negotiations proper, but also denying their membership and component locals the right of a say-so and have even gone so far as to deny the locals the right to insist on their demands, as they want them.

Officials Refuse to Listen  
This Committee has made it a practice to discourage and actually refuse to listen to expressions of the will and wishes of members and whole locals, on several occasions.

The entire machinery is set up in such a way that all committees, such as the picketing committee, the finance committee and even the so-called strike committee have been appointed from the top, and no opportunity has been offered the strikers themselves to elect any of their members to function for them.

Are those in charge of the strike afraid of their members or do they not trust them? If so, why? It is because they do not want an informed, aggressive membership, or is it because they contemplate doing things with which they would rather face disorganized membership? Why did they not permit the strikers to elect their own strike committee as they had promised before?

Elect Shop Committees  
Why do they not encourage the strikers to elect their shop committees as provided in their constitution? Now is the best opportunity for this, since it is possible to get all these people together now—a thing which is impossible when these people are on the job. Are they afraid that rank and file leaders may arise?

The whole thing looks like a deliberate choking off of all rank and file expression on the part of the officials, the old traditional system of Union Bossism, a policy which can not survive in this stormy period when labor is struggling successfully to assert itself.

Down with Bossism in the unions and up with a real democratic union! The striker suffers, the union pays, let the striker also have a say in what he wants and how to get it!

### SAN FRANCISCO GARDENERS WIN THEIR DEMANDS

By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN FRANCISCO—More than 200 workers in S.F. County, in which are included expert gardeners and landscape planners, laborers, have signed working agreements with the Wholesale Flower Growers Assn.

Nursery Workers Union Local 20,642, chartered by the AFL, was fully recognized recently. Preferential hiring was secured. Wages, which were in some cases \$1 per day, have been increased up to \$4.25 per day for general work, and \$6.50 for expert workers. Time and one-half for overtime was won.

### HOW 'WESTERN' HELPS WORKERS

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# Compulsory Arbitration Act Introduced in Sacramento

## DUPLICATE OF R. R. LABOR ACT BEING PUSHED

### Vandeleur Gives Aid To Anti-Labor Measure

SACRAMENTO — With the state senate having served as an effective blockade to the Yorty "Little Wagner Act" and other progressive legislation, a move was instituted late last week to put over a state version of the bog-trotting Federal Railway Labor Act.

Senator Seawell of Roseville introduced the measure, closely following the provisions of the national act under which the railroad workers have been prevented from taking any effective action against layoffs, speed-up and the dangerous practice of long trains.

The bill would set up an elaborate mediation apparatus, stipulating that there shall be no strikes or lockouts during negotiations of any of the boards set up under it.

### Appointed Boards

The proposed setup would consist of:

1. A State Adjustment Board of 36 members, 18 representing labor and 18 employers covering all classifications except agriculture. This latter commission is in line with employer policy in California to seek their aims by compulsory arbitration in most industries, and by direct attacks on labor in agriculture.

2. A permanent, salaried mediation board of three members, appointed by the governor, each to be paid \$500 a year, to handle industrial disputes on which an agreement could not be reached by the adjustment board.

### Gubernatorial Appointment

3. Authority of the governor to appoint a third or conference board of three if neither the adjustment board nor the mediation board reach agreement, no member of which board to be connected with either side of the dispute.

Despite the claims of E. A. Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, that he is opposed to compulsory arbitration, he gave objective help to the proposal. On the day of its introduction, whether by co-act or design, he appeared before the judiciary committee of the Assembly with a plea for a "board to settle labor disputes."

## Court Whitewash In L.A. Swindle

LOS ANGELES — When the grand jury two years ago indicted nine former officials of the California Reserve Company on various charges including forgery and violations of the corporate securities act, it exposed at the same time a fiasco which wiped out the savings of numerous working and middle class people of L.A. County.

With delay after delay affecting the trial, Judge Tuttle of the Superior Court was able to dismiss 16 counts against the accused nearly two weeks ago on grounds that the statute of limitations applied.

Last week the whitewash took a bolder form as Judge Tuttle on grounds of "insufficient evidence" dismissed all criminal charges against five of the nine on trial, and defense attorneys announced the remaining portion of the trial would be brief.

George C. Gregory, brother-in-law of District Attorney Buron Fitts and three other defendants remain accused of five counts of forgery and another of conspiracy to commit forgery.

## Oxnard Socialists in United May Day; Reject Trotskyites

VENTURA — The Socialist Party local of Oxnard joined the Communist Party to sponsor a United Front May Day picnic in Ventura. Approximately 75 attended. Communist Party speaker for the day was Pettis Perry, Negro leader from Los Angeles. The Socialist local was represented by local speakers, having declined to send to the Trotskyite-dominated Los Angeles local for a speaker.

## MAYOR HOAN UPHOLDS C. P. RIGHT TO USE OF SCHOOLS

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Mayor Daniel Hoan, Socialist, vetoed a resolution of the Common Council to deny speakers of the Communist Party the use of city schools for mass meetings.

Quoting the supreme court decisions in the cases of Dirk De Jonge and Angelo Herndon, Mayor Hoan said in part:

"This resolution is an attempt to do something that violated the very constitution which this

# Farmer-Labor Party Is the American People's Front

## Trotskyite Argument Falsifies Role Of F.L.P.

By BETTY GANNETT

In the Western Worker of Thursday, April 29th, there was reprinted, as a result of the most serious political negligence and carelessness, an article by Charles R. Walker, Trotskyite publicity agent in the United States. This article is a subtly covered Trotskyite attack on the people's front movement in the United States—the Farmer-Labor Party, and vehemently slanders the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association, today the most progressive and advanced farmer-labor movement in the United States.

In true Trotskyite style, it does not come openly against the Farmer-Labor Party, but through the most vile muckraking, it attempts to discredit the whole idea of a Farmer-Labor Party. It is therefore in opposition to the fundamental line of our Party on the need of a Farmer-Labor Party as the American expression of the people's front, to drive back the advance of fascist reaction and to protect and extend the hard-won democratic rights of the people.

### Trotskyite Concealed Real F.L.P. Significance

We want to refer to just one or two paragraphs in the article as an indication of its Trotskyite line and utilize this opportunity to re-emphasize the fundamental principles of a Farmer-Labor Party movement and its role. Walker, after attempting to "show up" the record of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association, says:

"Does all this imply that the Party in Minnesota is 'just like the two old parties'? By no means. Its all important distinction from the two old capitalist parties is that it looks for major support to the workers and farmers and their organizations."

What party in the United States does not look to the workers and farmers and to their organizations for support?

Did not the Democratic Party during the recent elections especially through the speeches of its standard-bearer Roosevelt and in a series of the most demagogic leaflets, pamphlets, etc., attempt to win working class support, to "maintain and reform" the capitalist system, thus making possible for the fascists to "rally the discontented and middle class elements and thereby provide fascism with a mass base." This same line is repeated in the draft resolution adopted on the People's Front by the Socialist Party Convention. And this explains the line adopted by Walker in his article when he constantly speaks about the "dual" and "reformist" role of the Farmer-Labor Party and concludes his article with the following words:

"A Labor Party can under some circumstances be a valuable engine to advance the interests of the working class. But only if there are left militant trade unions within it whose leaders are prepared to tell the Party, not once but on all occasions, and with pickets if necessary, that both sides can't be right."

### Cannot be Placed in Same Category

The Farmer-Labor Party cannot therefore be referred to or compared with the capitalist parties, which, tied to capitalist interests, carry out the will of the ruling class. The Farmer-Labor Party is an anti-fascist party. It is a party of the people to protect and extend democratic liberties to the unorganized, to win a decent American standard of living, and to drive back and smash the advance of the reactionary forces in our country. The farmer-labor party movement organizes the large sections of the population, hitherto inactive, in the struggle to defeat fascism. It prevents the mass of discontented and poverty-stricken people from becoming a prey to the demagoguery of the Coughlins and others who are attempting to win a mass base for fascism in America.

### Trotskyites Everywhere Fight Against Unity

The Trotskyites not only oppose the Farmer-Labor Party in the United States. They oppose the people's front movement in every country. The

resolution hypocritically pretends to defend.

"There is no political doctrine more repugnant to a liberty-loving people than that which in the name of the constitution seeks to pervert it by denial of rights and liberties which the constitution expressly guarantees."

The resolution had been passed over the objections of a strong minority of Progressive and Farmer-Labor councilmen,

### EDITORIAL NOTE

This is the first of two articles by Comrade Gannett on the People's Front in America—the Farmer-Labor Party. The second applies the recent report of Stalin on "Mastering Bolshevism" to the situation in America.

people's front is "reactionary," "reformist," a "betrayal" of the revolutionary principles and a "sellout of the revolution," they shout.

In Germany, France, Mexico, Spain—wherever toiling humanity is uniting in ever greater numbers to drive back the menace of fascism, there the Trotskyites conduct their disruptive, slanderous, counter-revolutionary work to split the unity of the people.

Most clearly this can be seen in Spain. In the numerous leaflets issued by the Trotskyites under cover of the "Socialist Party," distributed at the many huge meetings during the past months in support of Spanish democracy—they have shouted "Down with Franco—Down with the People's Front."

If one is against fascism, how can one also in the same breath be against the People's Front which so courageously combats the onslaughts of fascism?

This is the established double-dealing counter-revolutionary role of the Trotskyites who shout "down with fascism," but simultaneously align themselves with the fascist forces of Germany and other countries. That is why in Spain itself the Trotskyites have carried this slogan to its logical conclusion by giving direct aid to the fascist forces through their disruptive work to split the People's Front government through inciting "rebels," as in the recent incident in Barcelona. That is why they have been ejected from the People's Front as vile snakes whose ugly heads have to be smashed and driven out.

### California Trotskyites Promote The Same Disruption

All this is done under cover of high-sounding revolutionary phrases: Labor Action, the Trotskyite sheet in California, has been carrying numerous editorials shouting, "What the American workers need is a revolution." The people's front, they claim, offers "no adequate defense against fascism" because it aims to "maintain and reform" the capitalist system, thus making possible for the fascists to "rally the discontented and middle class elements and thereby provide fascism with a mass base." This same line is repeated in the draft resolution adopted on the People's Front by the Socialist Party Convention. And this explains the line adopted by Walker in his article when he constantly speaks about the "dual" and "reformist" role of the Farmer-Labor Party and concludes his article with the following words:

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Under cover of what appears to be a "more militant position" we see hidden the real attempts of the Trotskyites to bring about a split between the working class and its allies—the masses of farmers, Negro people, professional and middle class people in the cities.

### Farmer-Labor Party Cannot Isolate Itself

The Farmer-Labor movement in the United States cannot be narrowed down to left militant trade unions. It must embrace all unions, all working people, and even those progressive forces who today still remain tied to the two old parties.

The working class force in the Farmer-Labor movement must help to direct and unite all the people against any attempt to violate their fundamental rights. It must enforce their demands not merely by pressure on elected representatives, but it must elect to the various legislative bodies its own representatives, who will fight for the need and demands of the people.

The working class must be the driving force in such a people's movement—but to be such a driving force does not mean the "organization of pickets" to "force" the Farmer-Labor Party into line, but convincing all other strata within the Farmer-Labor Party, through the most democratic procedure possible, of the need of militantly pursuing a line which will enforce the demands of the people.

The whole essence of the Farmer-Labor Party—the people's front movement—is precisely to bring together in one powerful movement all the people who can be won to fight against fascist reaction, all those opposed to the handful of Wall Streeters. Such a movement can win important concessions for the toiling population of America.

## Anti-Fascist Unity is Aid to Struggle For Socialism

### Anti-Fascist Unity is Step Toward Socialism

The Farmer-Labor Party is therefore not a revolutionary party fighting for socialism—for the common ownership and operation of the factories, mines and mills. That is the task of the Communist Party—the Party of the working class—which organizes and educates the workers in their daily struggle against every attack of capitalism to take the decisive step to overthrow capitalist exploitation and establish the rule of the working class.

Only such a step will finally solve the problems of all toiling humanity—will bring about permanent peace, security and plenty for all those who toil. The victorious building of socialism in the Soviet Union is a glorious example of the way in which socialism raises the material and cultural conditions of the broad masses and uses the wealth of the country for the benefit of the people.

But the American working class is not yet ready to take that step—to struggle for socialism. It is ready, as are large sections of the American people, to defend its immediate rights and living standards, to fight for the maintenance of peace. The American people stand ready to prevent the reactionary forces from dominating the American political scene—from ruining the lives of millions of the American people.

Shall we then sit back and wait patiently until the time when the workers will be ready to fight for socialism, allowing, in the meantime, the fascist bandits to plunder the country as they are doing in Germany and Italy, and as they would like to do in Spain? Or shall we, by uniting the people, drive back the fascist forces as is being done in France, and with such remarkable heroism by the Spanish defenders of democracy?

### Independent Political Action is Developing

The American people gave their first answer of what they intend to do, on November 3rd, when they decisively rejected the Hearst-supported Landon-Knox ticket. The American people are daily showing further expressions of their determination to defeat fascism by the growing movement to organize the unorganized, by the fight for people's legislation to compel elected representatives to heed the demands of the people, by the growing realization of the need for independent political action which is evident in a number of such movements springing up throughout the country.

Through such united actions, the people will learn the need of building up a powerful people's front, an independent political weapon of the people, a Farmer-Labor Party—a party independent of the two old capitalist parties, a party which can effectively fight against fascism for democracy, for peace. Through such a movement, the working class fortified by an alliance with the Negro people, the large mass of farmers, the professional and middle class people, will learn on the basis of its own experience the need for the struggle for socialism.

### Empty Shouts Will Not Bring Socialism

The working class cannot learn of this need by empty shouting of "socialism," as the Trotskyites trying to appear "more revolutionary" are doing today. Nor will the working class learn of this need by a policy which isolates the most militant section of the people—the revolutionary working class—from direct participation in the daily mass struggles around their immediate interests. The most elementary lesson the teachings of Marx and Lenin have left to the working class, the most elementary lesson that history has taught us, is that only through the day to day hard-earned experiences can the working class be molded and prepared for the decisive battle against capitalism.

We can only close with the brilliant words of Comrade Browder at the Central Committee Plenum of December 3rd: "Everything that organizes and activates the working class and its allies is progress toward socialism, everything that weakens and discourages the forces of reaction goes in the same direction. This is the fundamental conception that underlies the revolutionists' understanding of the fight for the People's Front."

The Trotskyites oppose the People's Front. They stand in the way of every effort to weaken the reactionary forces and to strengthen the international proletariat.

Unity Will Unmask Trotskyite Disruption

They fear the unity of the people because they know that

## FLP NOMINEE QUALIFIES IN MINNEAPOLIS

### Beats T. E. Latimer; Trotskyite is Repudiated

MINNEAPOLIS — Kenneth Haycraft, Farmer-Labor candidate for mayor, came through the primary election May 10 as one of two candidates in the running at the finals, June 14. Haycraft polled 25,551 votes, running second to former Republican Mayor George E. Leach, who polled 50,691. Mayor Thomas E. Latimer, repudiated by the Farmer-Labor Party for his strikebreaking role, polled 25,315 votes and failed to qualify.

Vincent R. Dunne, Trotskyite candidate running on the Socialist Party ticket, polled only 839 votes.

**Communist Qualifies**

In addition, Farmer-Labor candidates were nominated for the finals in eight out of ten wards contested in the primaries, and for the offices of city treasurer and controller. Harry Mayville, well known Communist, qualified for the final election in the sixth ward, where he polled the second highest vote.

Mayor Latimer, repudiated by the Farmer-Labor Party which originally put him into office, was supported in the initial stage of the campaign by the Trotskyites, who led a split in the nominating convention of the Farmer-Labor Party. With the support of underworld characters and a section of the Republican Party he carried on a red-baiting campaign against the Communists and the Farmer-Labor administration of Governor Benson.

### Trotsky Repudiated

The city-wide vote for Dunne, Trotsky stooge for Latimer, was only nine more than that polled by the Communist Mayville in a single ward. The progressive role of the Communists in the election was indicated by the fact that this ward was one of two in which the Farmer-Labor candidate Haycraft led the Republican Leach.

Since the combined vote of the two candidates exceeds that given to the Republican Farmer-Labor forces now express confidence in being able to rally all progressive forces behind Haycraft and to overcome the confusion injected into the campaign by the Latimer-Trotskyite combination.

## Negro Member of Congress Sues Jimcrow Railway

WASHINGTON — Representative Mitchell of Illinois, only Negro member of Congress, has filed suit for \$50,000 damages as a result of his ejection from a Pullman car, he announced here.

Suit was filed in Chicago against the Illinois Central Railroad, the trustee of the Rock Island Company and the Pullman Company.

While en route to Hot Springs Ark., from Chicago, Mitchell said, he was threatened with arrest unless he left the Pullman car and entered a jimcrow car. The incident took place near Forest City, Ark., April 21.

Such unity will reject their counter-revolutionary role and be able to see through the mask of revolutionary phrases their heinous role as fascist advance troops.

Their lack of faith in the ability of the working class to lead the broad strata of the population in the struggle for freedom, led to the logical end of becoming an enemy of the working class—an enemy which is afraid to show its face, an enemy which by a policy of double-dealing and deceit has united with the fascist forces of the world. To build the people's movement in the United States we must smash and drive out the Trotskyite wreckers from the labor movement. An effective fight against fascist reaction demands an effective fight against the Trotskyite traitors of the people.

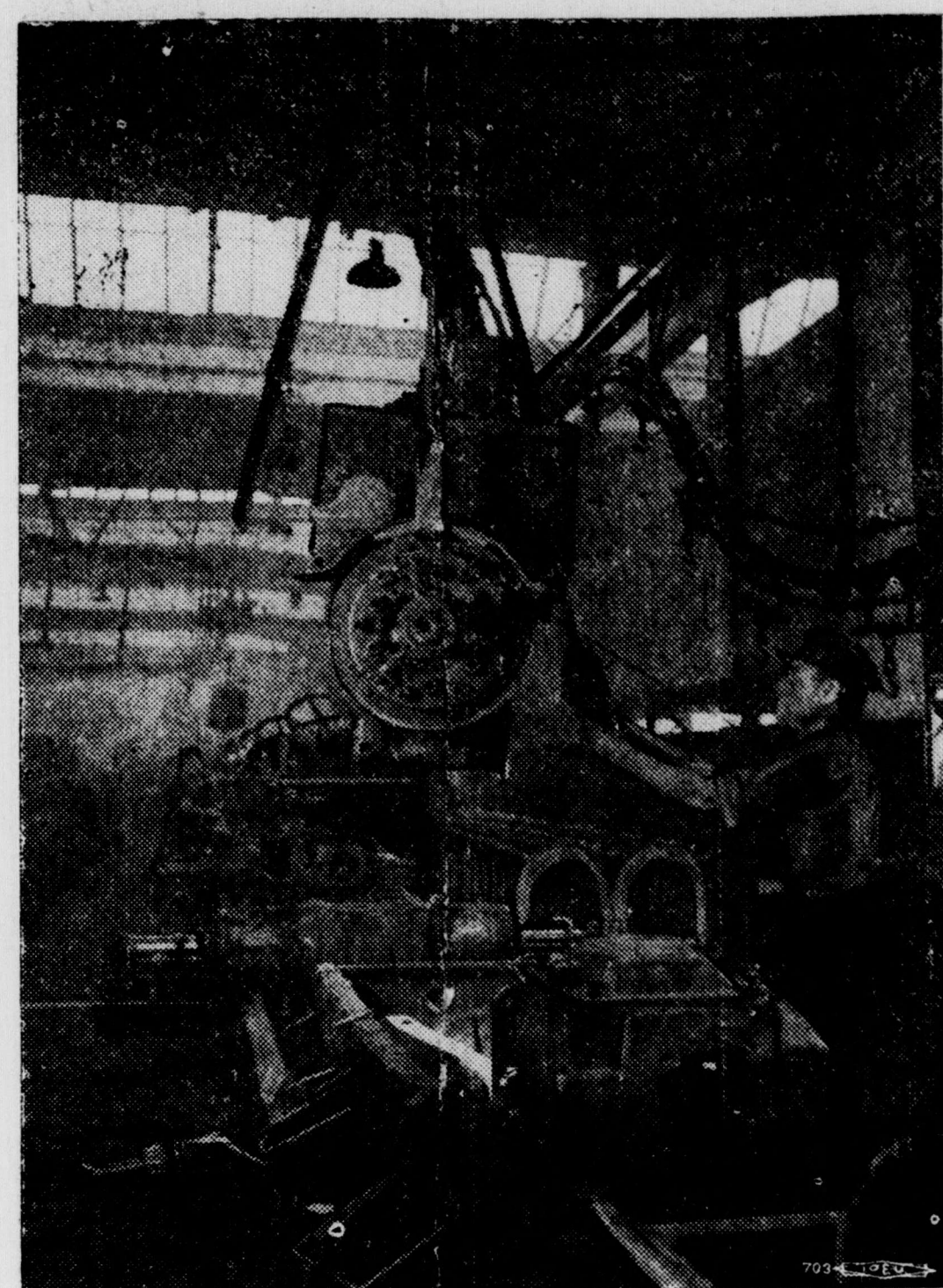
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## Nazis Flaunt the Swastika in S. D.

SAN DIEGO — Under various guises, Nazis of Los Angeles and San Diego counties have carried on active mobilizations and "Heil Hitler" since Hitler came to power in 1933.

This influence has been exerted through the "Silver Shirts," through the "Friends of New Germany" and now through the "Bund." Under this latter guise a rally was held near here on May Day, with the Los Angeles Nazi leader Hermann Schwinn, speaking in praise of the debased Hitler while the swastika, emblem of the Nazi pirates, was flaunted in the breeze.

## Relief Cut Threats 'Murder of Jobless'

WASHINGTON — Reduction of the relief appropriation to a billion dollars, President David Lasser of the Workers Alliance told the house appropriations sub-committee, "would be equivalent to murder and Congress might as well stand the unemployed against the wall and shoot them."

Lasser brought forward the demand of the unemployed for an increase over the billion and a half proposed by President Roosevelt, and declared:

"Conservative Congressmen have become alarmed at the rapidly rising movement for an appropriation higher than President Roosevelt's request and in order to head off this movement they are threatening a smaller appropriation."

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## DODD WARNS OF FASCIST PLOTS HERE

### Cites Role of Court Vetoes Defeating People's Will

BERLIN — U. S. Ambassador William E. Dodd charged that certain American millionaires "wish for a fascist dictatorship in the United States and are ready to help another Huey Log."

The charges were made in a letter to Senator Robert Bulkley, Ohio Democrat.

On the following day Dodd amplified his letter, referring to past crises in American history in which judicial votes played an important role in defeating the will of the people.

"There are politicians," he wrote in his original letter, "who think they may gain powers like those exercised in Europe."

"One man, I have even been told, by personal friends, who owns nearly one billion dollars, is ready to support such a plan and, of course, control it."

Calling for support of "New Deal policies," Dodd declared: "If the party which re-elected President Roosevelt by an overwhelming majority last year decides to do as both parties have done in the past, we are in grave danger of losing our democratic system."

"If the party breaks up, the 80 per cent anti-democrat press may do what the 80 per cent pro-slavery press did in the South in 1830 and 1860."

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THIS ISSUE DEVOTED TO SPECIAL CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LABOR NEWS—Rheims Co. Steel Workers Kill Co. Union—News From Richmond Ford Plant—Pittsburg "Man on the Street" Praises Steel Drive—Fighting Against Co. Union at California-Hawaiian Sugar Plant—Pat Lydon Praises Western Worker.

## Contra Costa County Steel Mill Lacks Safety Measures

### WORKERS AT COLUMBIA STEEL CO. IN PITTSBURG SUFFER FROM OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE

Co. Ducks Responsibility as Doctors Call it T. B., But Workers Think it is Silicosis; Need Strong Union

By a Steel Worker  
PITTSBURG—The Columbia Steel Co. has a supervisor of industrial relations. The function of the supervisor is to take care of safety, welfare and many other points of employees' welfare.

But here in this letter, I just want to point out about safety and welfare of the employees. I do not understand what the word safety stands for from the company's standpoint. Does safety cover all kinds of accidents, as well as the health of the employee? Of course, I know that there is provision made to protect an employee in case of accident—an employee is supposed to get compensation.

Worker Has to Fight for It  
Sometimes he gets it, sometimes he doesn't. It all depends on the employee's attitude. If he will stand up for his rights, he may get it.

Of course, there is quite an educational campaign carried on by the company for safety; but the point is, of course, to have less accidents, so the company will not have to pay compensation. This is all right as far as it goes.

Little Health Education  
But when it comes to the point of health of the employees, there is not much education carried on by the company. Once in a while you see a poster—"Drink More Water for Your Health." The company doesn't have to tell the workers to drink more water; they do it without being told. They have to drink plenty of water—sometimes too much, especially those who work around the hot mills.

Then once in a while you see a poster—"Eat Good Food for Your Health"—that is, if you make enough wages to buy good food. You see, the health of the employees is not so important as accidents, because if an employee gets sick, the company doesn't have to worry—he is off the company's hands.

Workers Suffer from "T. B."  
Now I will come to the reason for this letter. Fellow workers, I am sure most of you know that a number of us have fallen victims to sickness. T. B. is—that's what the doctors who examined these workers claim, and as these workers were sent to Weimar Sanitarium and are taken care of at the expense of Contra Costa County, and they are off the hands of Columbia Steel Company. The company doesn't have to worry about them or their families any more.

The only help the families of these workers got, was the collection that was taken up by the workers in the shop. The company has not contributed one penny that I heard of, and yet they say they have the welfare of the employees at heart. What a farce!

The reaction that I've gotten from quite a few around the shop is this: The workers believe that the sickness is not altogether T. B., but is some form of silicosis due to poor ventilation system, there being quite a bit of dust and scale flying around from the steel that is worked through the rolls, as well as plenty of smoke from the furnaces that the steel is heated in.

Silicosis  
When the workers work fast, and they have to breathe fast, they inhale plenty of this dust and smoke into their lungs, which can help bring on some kinds of sickness.

When a man goes to be examined by a doctor in this vicinity, the doctor either doesn't know what silicosis is, or is afraid to tell the truth, being that some small towns around here are dominated by companies.

Some of us workers here believe that some outside doctor who has the welfare of the people at heart should ask permission to examine these workers and bring out the truth—whether this sickness is T. B. or some form of silicosis. Or these workers themselves should be advised to call in a doctor.

Need Better Compensation Law  
We also believe that the present compensation law should be made more flexible, so that the workers should receive compensation not only in case of accident but also in case of any kind of sickness—because, as I have pointed out, the conditions that the workers have to work under help bring on all kinds of sickness against which the worker has no kind of protection, and he and his family have to suffer. The worker has no savings left from his small wages that he gets to take care of his family, in case he does get sick.

### WORKERS FIGHT VIGILANTES OF C-H SUGAR CO.

Co. Fights Union by Using Real Finks in Crockett

By a Sugar Worker  
CROCKETT is a sugar town, population about 6000. The California-Hawaiian factory refines about 3000 tons of sugar daily when it's running full speed, employs from 1500 to 2000 workers.

The plant had been operating for 30 years, and until 1934 one constable was sufficient protection for C-H profits. But as soon as the Warehousemen started organizing, the company got all the bosses and finks organized into a vigilante league, and made them fight the union and whoever joined it.

Human Butchers  
At first, about 700 signed up, but as soon as they found out what vigilante activities were, most of them dropped the league.

Now there are about 200 left in, and these are the real human butchers. Most of them are big bosses and real finks, hired purposely to break unions. They have been maneuvering like a regular army corps, practicing with tear gas bombs, and handling all kinds of weapons, with George Joseph as the leader.

They say that this is just to keep order in town. I say it is just to fight the workers of Crockett, and all over the Coast if they are needed. But the ILA through their struggles organized the warehousemen 100 per cent, although the company even discriminated against the union and members, and to stop that it took a couple of walkouts.

Next was the refinery, but the company was too wise to that, and changed its whole policy, keeping unions out of Crockett by false propaganda and demagoguery.

Fight to Oust Vigilantes  
It got the workers to join a company union, but after a few months the rank and file succeeded and joined the American Federation of Labor. But unfortunately we have a very reactionary leadership and we haven't been able to fight hard enough to get these vigilantes out of our union.

## A Tip to Contra Costa Unionists

Patrick J. Lydon, organizer for the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, states:  
"I was asked if I am a reader of the Western Worker. I am. I have always found that the Western Worker has always faithfully guarded the aims and achievements of the CIO, the news of the steel organizing drive, etc."

"For news of the progressive labor movement and its rapid growth, for a force in the direction of unity in the labor movement, I certainly recommend reading the Western Worker."

That's what Pat Lydon has to say about the "Western" and its value to the labor movement. This CIO leader, well known throughout the state as well as in his home county of Contra Costa, reads the "Western" regularly. Why not you? Fill out the following blank to have this fighting newspaper reach you regularly twice a week:

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### Bringing the Independents to Terms in Steel



SOME OF the big independent steel corporation, somehow got the idea they could hold out against the CIO, so the CIO Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Tin and Steel Workers decided to strike the stubborn companies. Scene is from Jones and Laughlin strike, Pittsburgh.

### HOW PITTSBURG MAN ON STREET REACTS TO C.I.O.

"Things Lots Better Since CIO Started"—Steel Worker

PITTSBURG—What does the man on the street in this steel town think of the CIO drive to organize the unorganized? To learn the temper of those most affected by the drive in steel, the Western Worker reporter went on the street here to inquire.

Workers Go for CIO  
A young merchant said: "I think the CIO is all right. It's doing what Green should have done long ago."

Joe Gonzalez, 34, open hearth steel worker: "Things are lots better since CIO started. Steel mill wages have been greatly raised."

Paul Riley, 25, laborer and ranch hand: "If Lewis is honest, O. K. If he's like Green—not so good."

Steel worker, 43: "Things sure are better since CIO." Wife of Columbia Steel Mill official: "I guess it's all right for workers to organize. But there's too much dictatorship in labor unions."

John Latvala, steel mill worker, 53: "I have no use for Green. For 27 years I've been in a union and the AFL hasn't done a thing for me. The CIO is doing what's been needed very badly."

Dan O'Lee, 48, heater helper, steel mill: "Well, it's the first time I've thought about it. Steel has needed organizing, and I guess it's getting it."

Heeded and joined the American Federation of Labor. But unfortunately we have a very reactionary leadership and we haven't been able to fight hard enough to get these vigilantes out of our union.

### Business Agent Bob Says . .

A pal of mine, a Teamster from one of the northern counties, came down to pay me a visit the other day. I asked him what he thought about the two candidates for sheriff, who were running for office up in his county.

"We, I'm glad only one can be elected," he said.

### Mass Picketing at Richmond Cleaners Marked May Day

RICHMOND—"An injury to one is an injury to all," is the motto being carried out by organized labor in Contra Costa County. The local Central Labor Council followed this out by the mass picketing of Felice and Perrelli and Master Craft Cleaners, in Richmond, on May 1.

There was a great deal of discussion and dissent over this measure when it came on the floor—some saying that organized labor should omit May 1 as the day of any move on its part, as it is the "Communists' day" of celebration, and labor in this county would be branded as Reds.

This objection was cleared up by explanation from the floor as to the status of the day, though some labeled the Communists as "day snatchers"; that is, they were accused of stealing International Labor Day as their day for celebration.

Nevertheless, the Council chose to picket the Master Craft Cleaners and Felice and Perrelli Cannery on May Day.

### Ford Tries to Get Company Union in Richmond Plant

RICHMOND—Immediately following a verbal understanding between Ford and United Auto Workers which ended a 10-hour sit-down strike at Richmond, non-production men (parasites) began a hasty and forceful drive to enlist Ford workers into a company union.

Soliciting workers individually on the assembly line and on company time, workers were urged to throw away their UAW buttons as "the Ford Employees Association had 700 members, a majority, and were the legal bargaining agency for the Ford workers."

This was stamped as a lie by the 95 per cent representation the UAW has in the plant. Superintendent Harrison, who was vested with complete authority in labor relations in accordance with the recent settlement, claimed lack of jurisdiction in dealing with the company union because the Wagner Act forbids tampering with any organization of workers.

The UAW grievance committee informed Harrison that Ed Hall, international vice-president of the Auto Workers, would be requested to contact Ford officials in Detroit and intercede if no action were taken by Monday.

FLASH!—Just received word that Supt. Harrison announced he "believed" he has checked the company union.

PENNA. FRAMEUP  
SCRANTON—Emerson Jennings, Wilkes-Barre printer, has been sentenced to 5 years in a "dynamite" frameup, due to his union activities.

### NEW FOREMAN SPEEDS PROFIT FOR SANTA FE

Speeds Up Men While Co. Union Officials Act As Stools

By a Railroad Worker  
RICHMOND—You wanted to know how things are at the Santa Fe rip tracks. Starting with the latest dose first, I'll tell you.

We have a new general foreman that has a lot of new ideas. He has an idea he is a better boss than the last one, at least he is out to show the big shots that he can get more done. He has tightened things down in general and is still looking for more to tighten.

Only \$5,000,000!  
When we see him walking around, with his hands in his pockets, we know he is hatching up something new that will get more work for us.

You see, the Santa Fe made only a little over \$5,000,000 last year. This was the clear profit after taxes, interest, etc., were already taken out.

This new boss is going to see that they make more next year. You can see right now that all the money that he will make for them will come out of our sweat and hide. He has already jacked some of the fellows up and taken away from us some of the little privileges that we have always had.

Co. Union "Promises"  
We hear a lot of talk about the Brotherhood acting for a wage increase. When we talk to our Company Association officials about it, they tell us that they have already asked for a wage increase for us and that we will be getting it before long.

But we know that these watery-kneed guys are too busy kissing the bosses' feet to ask for anything for us.

Two Stoolies Named  
The two main officials, Patterson and Shrigley, who got themselves elected last time by a phony election, have held the same positions since they came to work as strikebreakers in 1923.

At that time a company union was formed, and they were put at the head of it. Since then, they and their cronies have acted as spies and stoolies on the rest of the workers. They work together with the rest of their clique to keep a real union out. All of us are sure that they stoolie on us in general.

Workers Need Real Union  
Since the CIO began its drive and the workers everywhere are winning wage increases and better conditions through their unions, all of us here are wondering when we will be organized.

We certainly need something. Some of us get less than \$18 for a 48-hour week. The way the rest of the men are paid, one would think that the depression was still on.

I'll tell you more next time.

### C.C. Labor Body Raps Watson

MARTINEZ—The Contra Costa County Central Labor Council has gone on record protesting the arbitrary and dictatorial action of AFL Organizer Roland Watson in jerking the charter of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

The resolution adopted was the one issued by the Oakland local of the United Automobile Workers of America, and demands restoration of the original charter.

### WORKERS KILL COMPANY UNION OF RHEIMS CO.

SWOC Warns About Federal Charter, Urges AA

RICHMOND—Attempts of the Rheims Mfg. Co., manufacturers of steel containers, etc., to put over a company union through an election in which their more than 200 employees were to vote only on whether they preferred an "inside union" or an "outside union," flopped miserably here last week.

The workers voted 96 to 45 in favor of an outside union.

The Steel Workers Organizing Committee, located here at 615 Macdonald Ave., issued a leaflet to the workers, stating:

Urges Join CIO Steel Union  
"At an election held yesterday, employees voted 96 to 45 in favor of an outside union. Employees are to be congratulated on their stand."

"Why wasn't the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers on the ballot? Because the company thought sentiment was strong enough for an 'inside' (company) union. In case it wasn't, a set-up was arranged that a Federal Labor Charter should be sent for."

"Don't be fooled by a Federal Charter—the American Federation of Labor cannot issue charters which conflict with International Union. YOUR International Union is the AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION OF IRON, STEEL AND TIN WORKERS, whose officers are men who know your working conditions and problems—men who have worked at your trade. Officers are democratically elected by a rank and file vote. NO STRIKE WILL BE CALLED UNLESS SANCTIONED BY THE WORKERS THEMSELVES. We are not organizing you to call you on strike. We are organizing you to BETTER CONDITIONS."

Many Join A. A.  
"The CIO is not a 'red' organization as charged by the bosses. They always raise the red scare when workers attempt to better their conditions. Don't be misled by false propaganda or company misleaders. Follow the lead of workers at the Columbia Steel, Judson Steel and Bethlehem Steel Companies. Join the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers."

Many workers have already signed up with the A. A. A few days before the election, the company called all the workers into the company recreation hall, where Huybrecht of the Machinists Union spoke and attacked the CIO and urged the workers to sign up for an AFL charter. The company had Huybrecht go through the plant, and the foreman told the men to sign up, but comparatively few did sign up.

At this meeting, the workers insisted on hearing Ed Taylor, of the CIO, who then spoke and refuted all Huybrecht's attacks on the CIO.

Jack Faulkner, reactionary AFL county organizer, is known to have attempted to charter a company union in the Rheims plant.

## How Billy Cohen Took a Beating

PITTSBURG—Billy the Kid, highwayman, is dead. His counterpart, Billy Cohen, lives—in Pittsburg, California.  
Who is Billy Cohen? The asserted publisher of Pittsburg's two newspapers. He also is the superintendent of the Columbia Steel Mills, a subsidiary of gigantic United States Steel.

No Truth in These Papers  
The Pittsburg Independent and the Post-Dispatch are yellow journals par excellence. A union official talks:  
It is absolutely impossible to get the truth into those papers! It just can't be done."

When appointment of Pat Lydon, CIO organizer, was announced, Billy Cohen swung into immediate action. His papers screamed, The Red Terror was coming to Pittsburg! The Independent and Post-Dispatch carried screaming columns about a "Moscow agent" who breathed hotter fumes than those that came from the great Columbia Steel furnaces.

Red-Baiting Missed Fire  
"I had expected to see a wild-eyed, long-haired brute with red whiskers standing up on his face," a union man stated. "Imagine my embarrassment when on the scene came a young, clean-cut man, mild-mannered, and more intelligent looking than Billy Cohen could ever hope to be."

As the Employee Representation Plan (company union) crumbled, directives were sent to United States Steel's holdings that all remaining support to company unions should be withdrawn.

### Tintypes FORD PLANT UNION WON AT RICHMOND

Grievance Committee Recognition Aids UAW in East

By a Ford Auto Worker

RICHMOND—The members of the United Automobile Workers, Local 76, at the Ford assembly plant at Richmond (about 90 per cent of Richmond men are in the union), went back to work Monday morning, April 26, under better conditions than prevailed when they "sat down" Friday afternoon, April 23, at 1 p.m.

The auto workers did not strike for union recognition, and a written agreement with the management, for they realize that the International back east will be the one to decide when the time is ripe for that.

Grievance Committee Firmly Established  
But the union men were forced to sit down in order to get the management at the plant to co-operate on collective bargaining with the elected representatives of the UAW.

The workers went back to their jobs Monday morning with the assurance that their grievance committee would be able to meet with the management any time, any place, and settle any grievance the men might have.

They went back to work with no discrimination against any of the men who sat down. They have full seniority on any layoffs; the grievance committee will go over the list of men to be laid off, to make sure the most deserving employees are laid off first, when production is reduced. This is something that could not have happened when the men were unorganized.

No More "Jumping the Line"  
The foremen and the "pushers" have orders to get the "good will" and "cooperation" of the men working under them, not their antagonism.

There will be no more "jumping the line" (doing two men's work, first on one side of the car, then jumping the line and doing the same operation on the other side).

In the past, a great number of men were compelled to put in up to a half-hour of their own time before the regular time to go to work, part of their lunch period, and some of their time before the quitting bell rang, carrying stock and material, and catnapping on their work. There is to be no more of that. The men are not to go to work until the bell rings, and they are to quit when the bell rings.

Will Speed National Organizing  
The news of the successful sit-down at Richmond will without a doubt speed up organization in the other Ford plants, and especially in the big, main River Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Mich.

Therefore, this strike is a big step toward getting a signed agreement between all Ford plants and the UAW.

In four months' time, nine-tenths of the Richmond plant workers have been organized by the CIO, and the union activity among his workers is going to force Henry Ford to grant his employees a substantial raise in pay in the very near future.

Workers Show Leadership  
The union men gained a great deal of experience in this short strike, and those men who had initiative and leadership had great use for it during the sit-down. The workers, the bosses, the management, and "the famous Ford factory service" accepted the sit-down leadership without question, and the union men in the plant conducted the strike in an orderly, efficient manner.

RUSS ROBERTS SHOWS SELF AS INFORMER  
MARTINEZ—Russ Roberts, of the Contra Costa County Building Trades Council, likes to brag how reactionary he is, and recently he probably bragged further than he intended in his bragging, for he let slip in talking to a worker that he had acted as a stoolpigeon for the Crockett Sugar Refinery.

"Here's what I do for the Communists," said Roberts, producing a letter from the refinery telling how it had fired "two Communists" as pointed out to it by Roberts.

Actually, the two workers were militant fighters but were not members of the Communist Party.

IT DIDN'T WORK  
AKRON, O.—When the city govt. tried to break the bus and street car workers' strike by licensing jitneys, union labor told the city they must be run by union drivers.